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FOREWORD

The U.S. Navy has a long and eventful history of polar exploration from Robert E. Peary in the Arctic to Richard E. Byrd in the Antarctic. In recent years the strategic importance and expanded research pursuits in these areas have resulted in greater national and international requirements for environmental information. Since 1976, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Navy have worked together at the Joint Ice Center (JIC) in Suitland, Maryland. By combining the Navy's experience in observing and recording sea-ice data, and NOAA's expertise in satellite data collection and interpretation, the JIC has been able to keep pace with that demand in both polar regions.

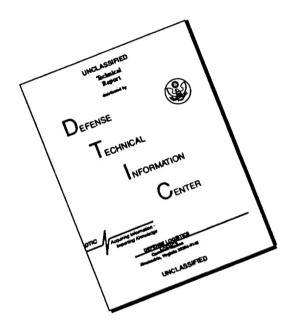
This publication is the 19th edition of the Arctic sea-ice atlases prepared by the JIC. The atlas contains weekly charts depicting Northern Hemisphere and Great Lakes ice conditions and extent. The significant use of high resolution satellite imagery, combined with valuable ice reconnaissance data from various sources, has greatly improved the accuracy of these analyses.

The purpose of this atlas is to provide the user with reliable weekly hemispheric ice analyses. Both Navy and NOAA personnel with considerable experience in sea-ice analysis prepare the analyses. The following procedures have been developed to ensure the quality of the products:

- a. Conventional shore station, ship, and aerial reconnaissance observations are plotted and evaluated.
- b. Satellite data from different sensors is compared and analyzed for ice information content. Table 1, located on the inside back cover, summarizes the data availability for 1992.
- c. A final product results from a and b. However, where insufficient data is available, an estimated boundary will be depicted. Meteorological data and computer generated ice drift vectors are used to determine the estimated ice position.

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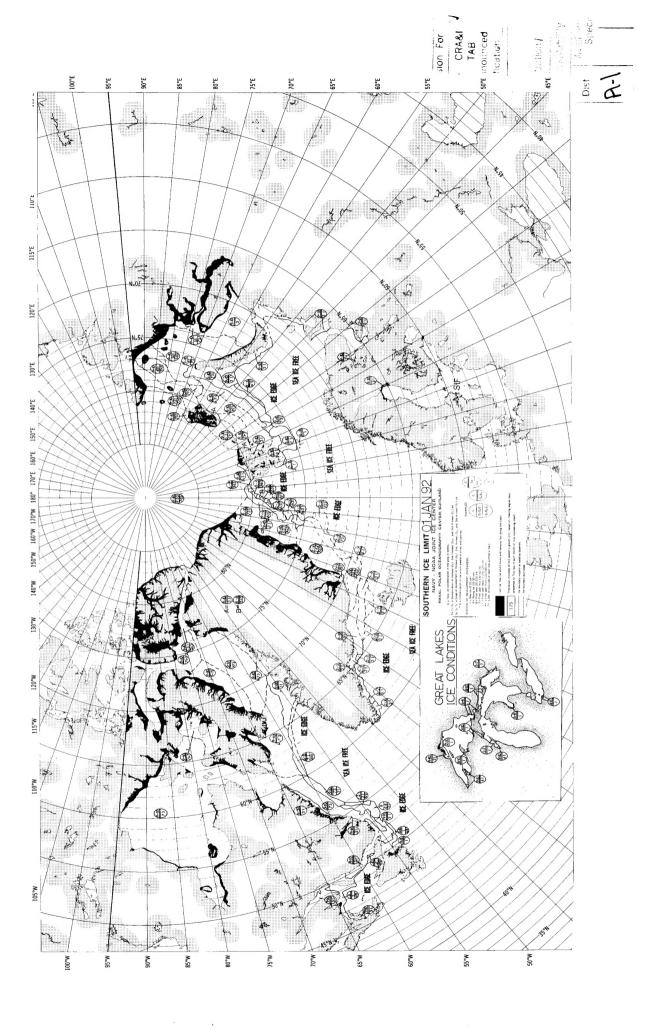
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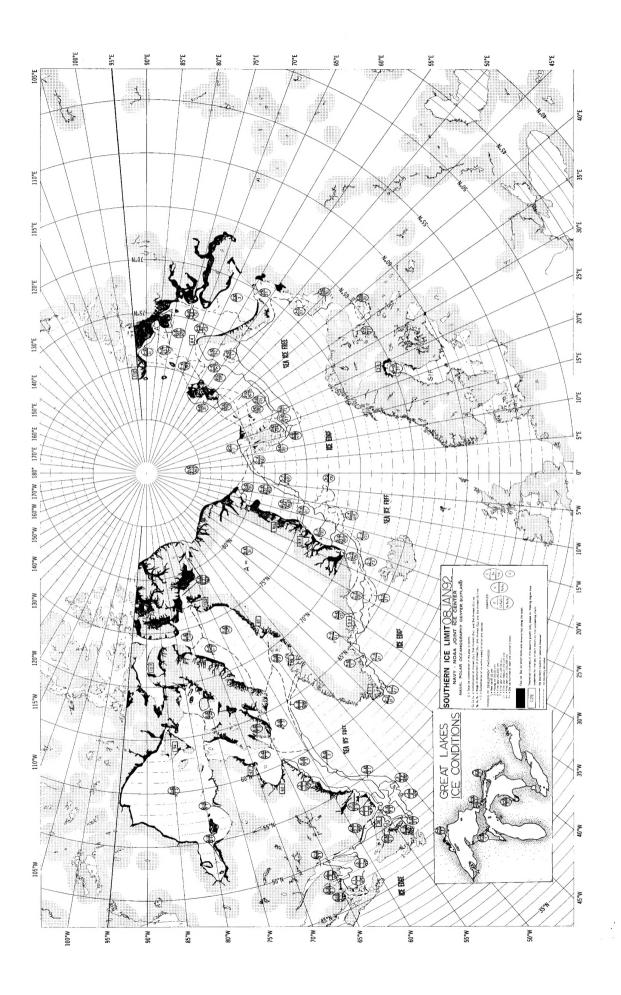
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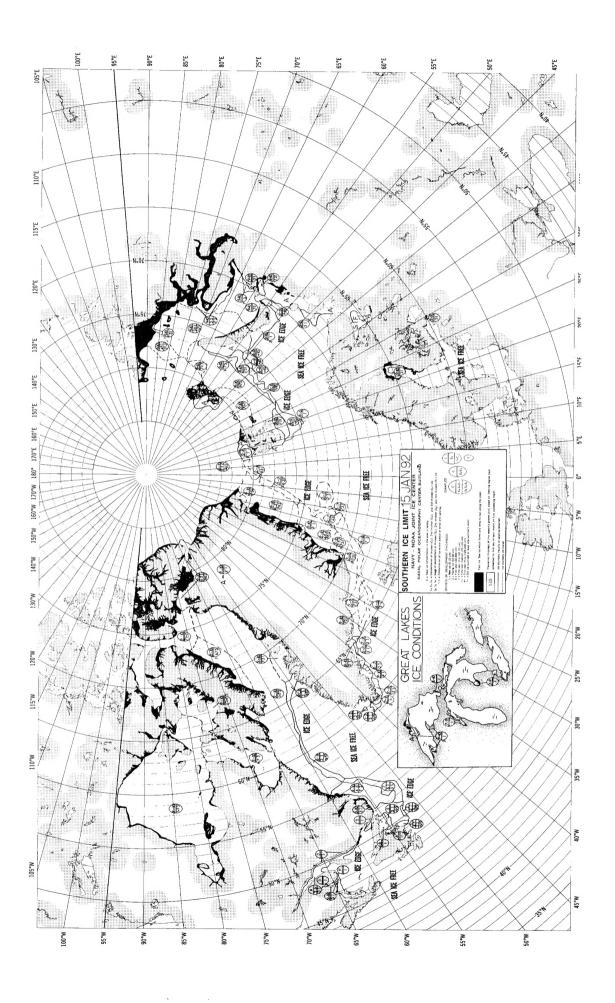
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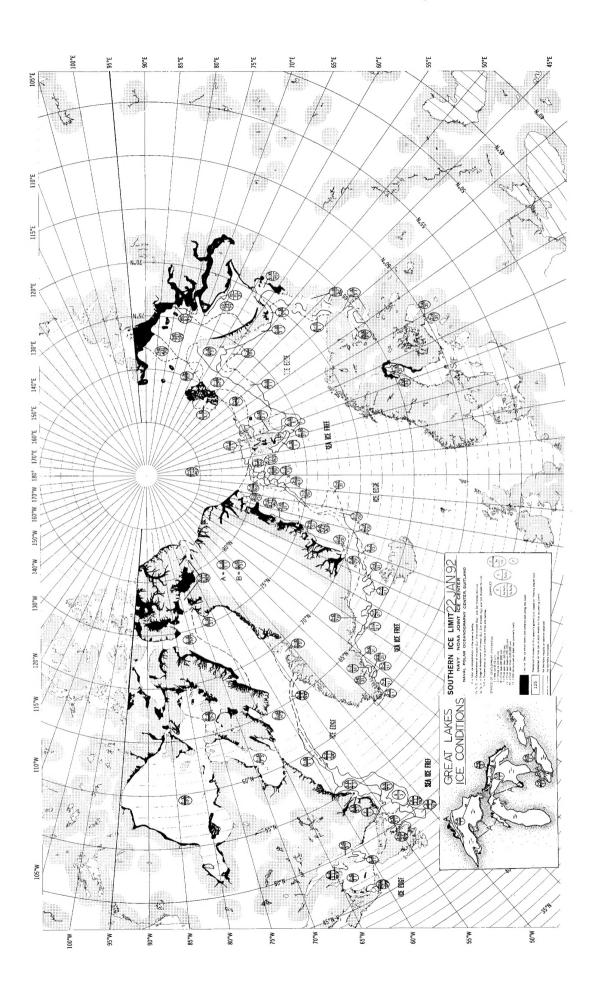
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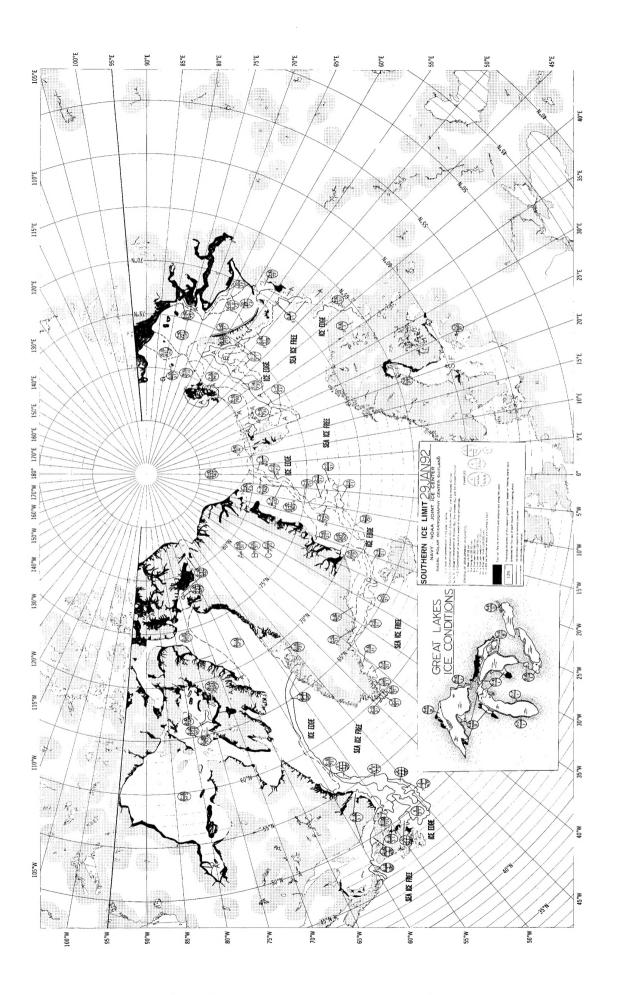
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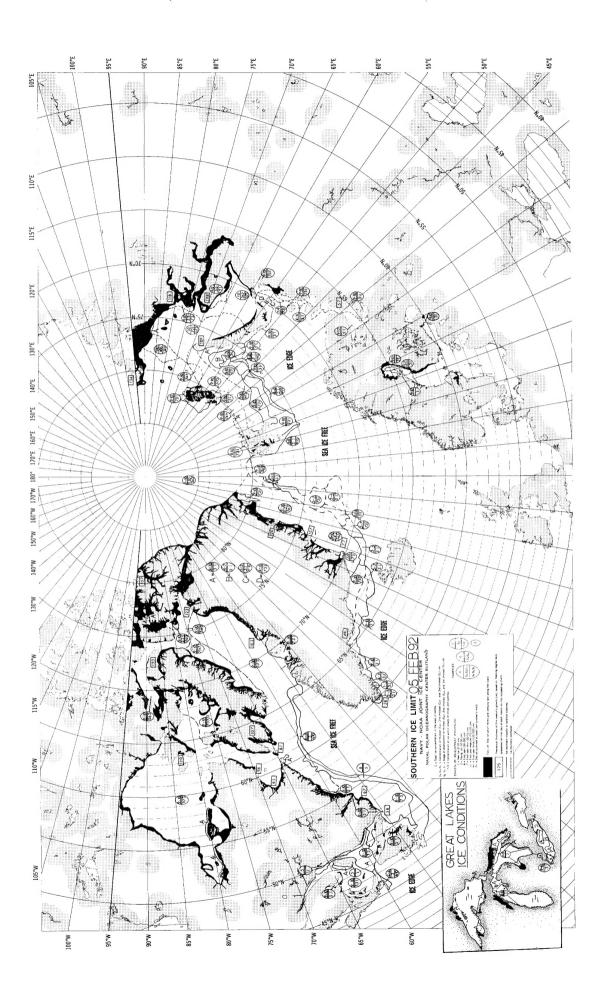


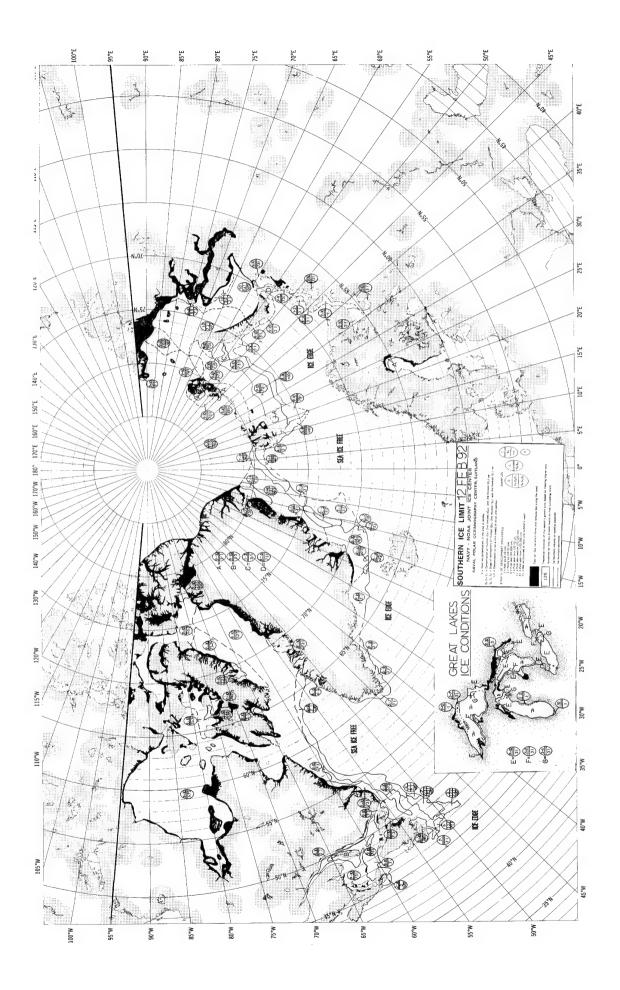


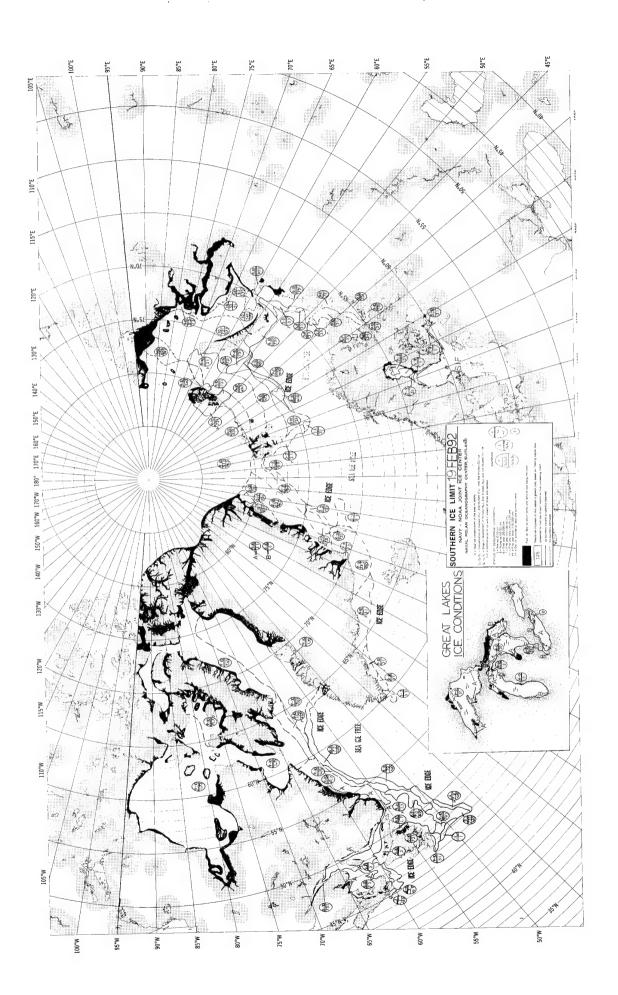


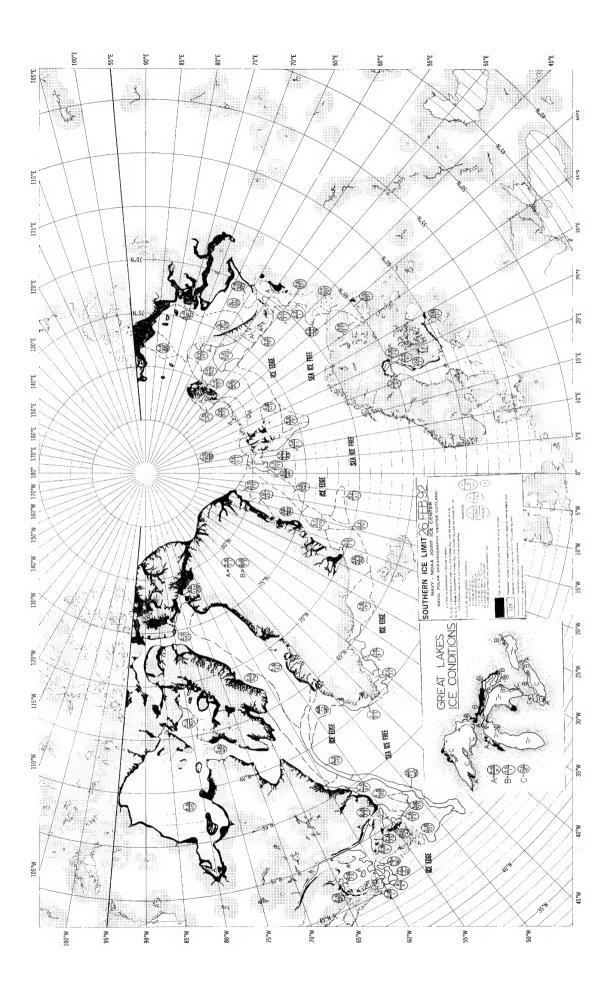


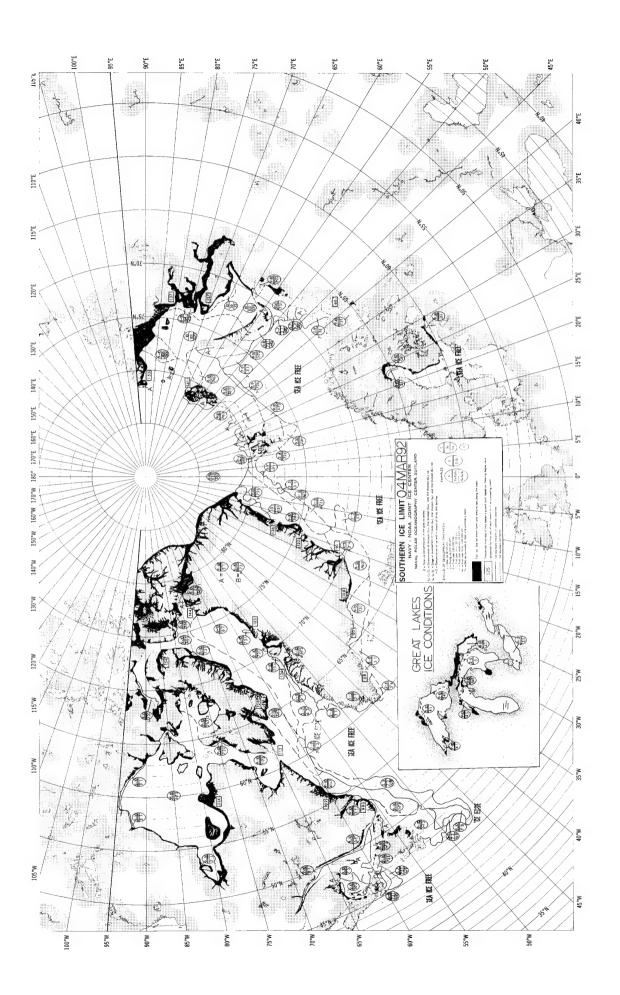


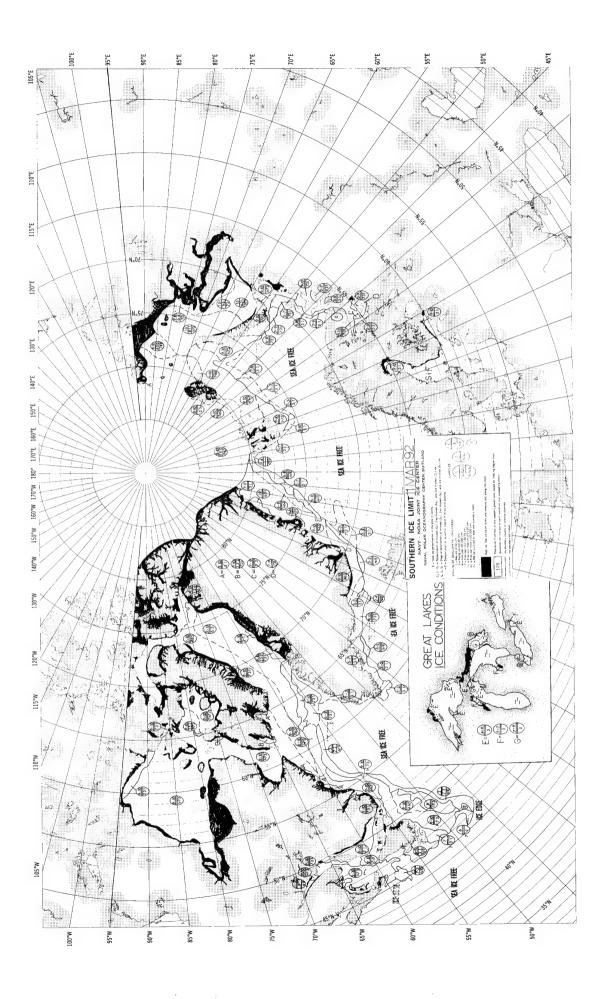


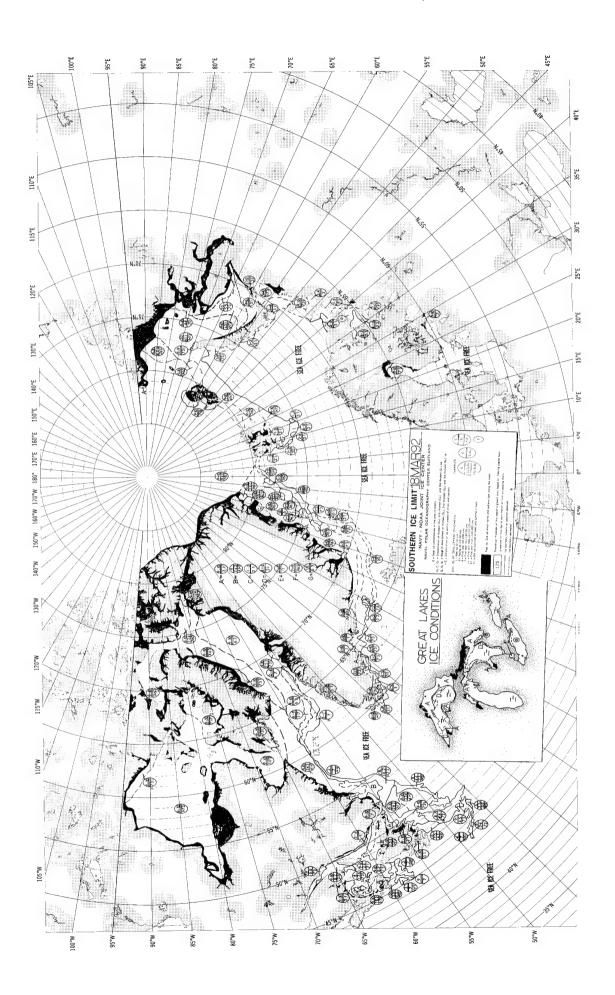


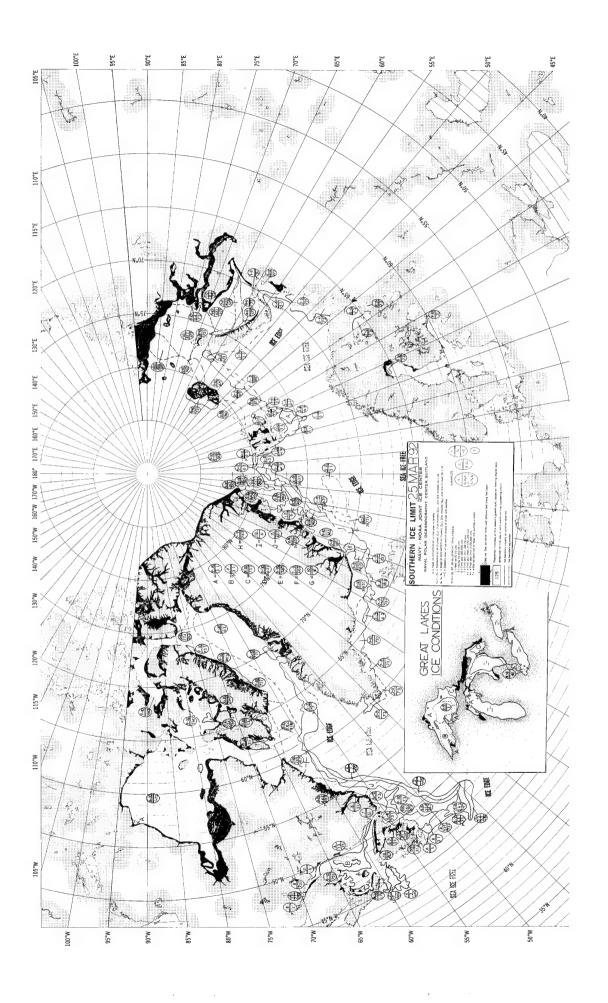


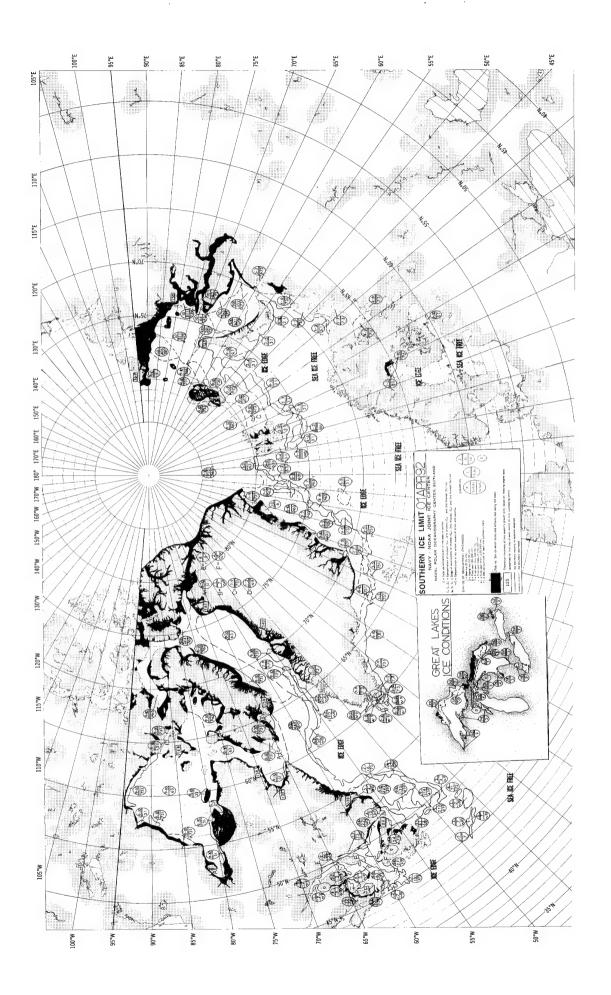


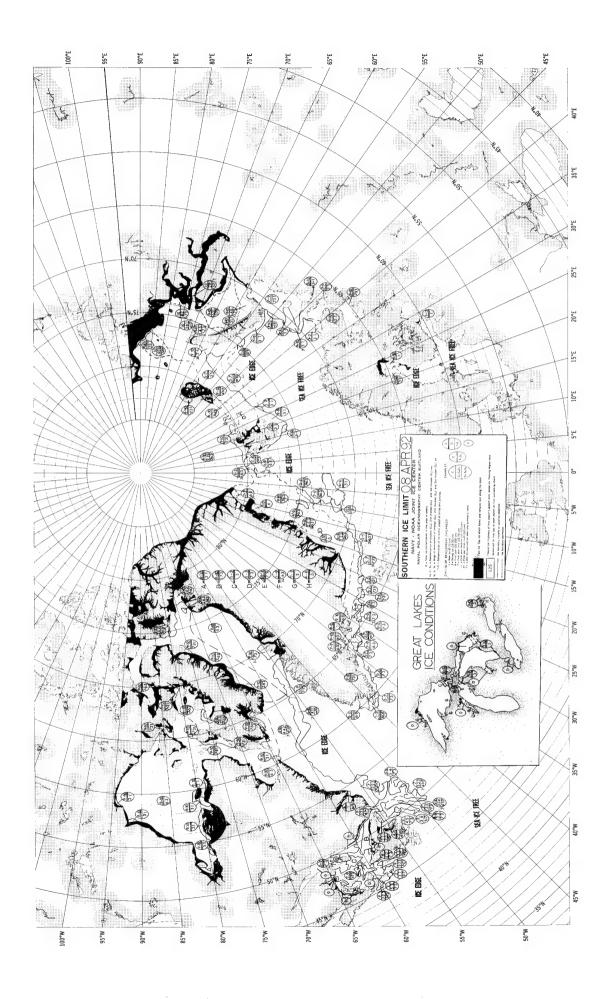


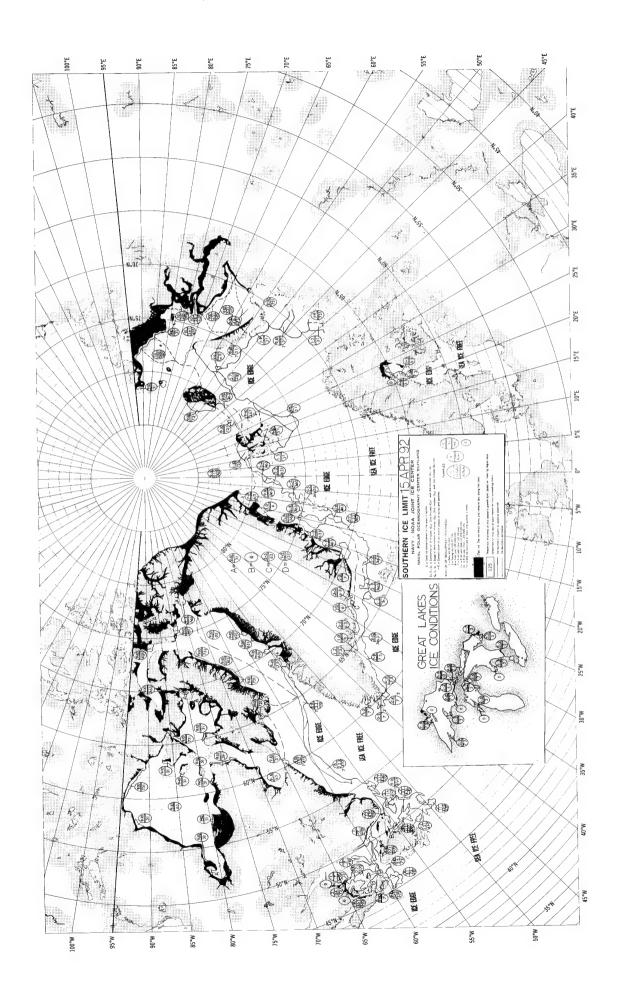


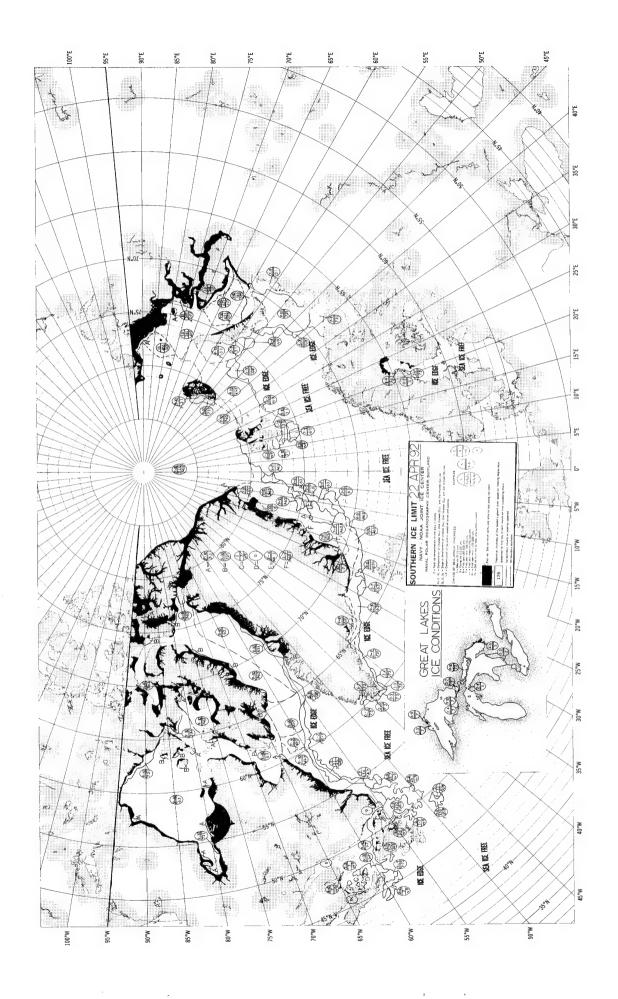


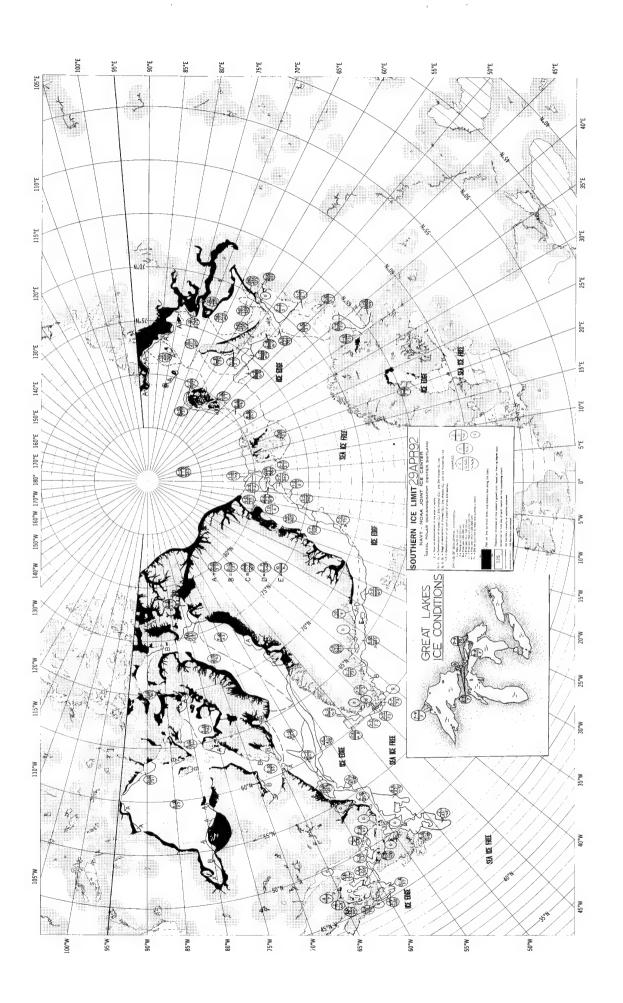


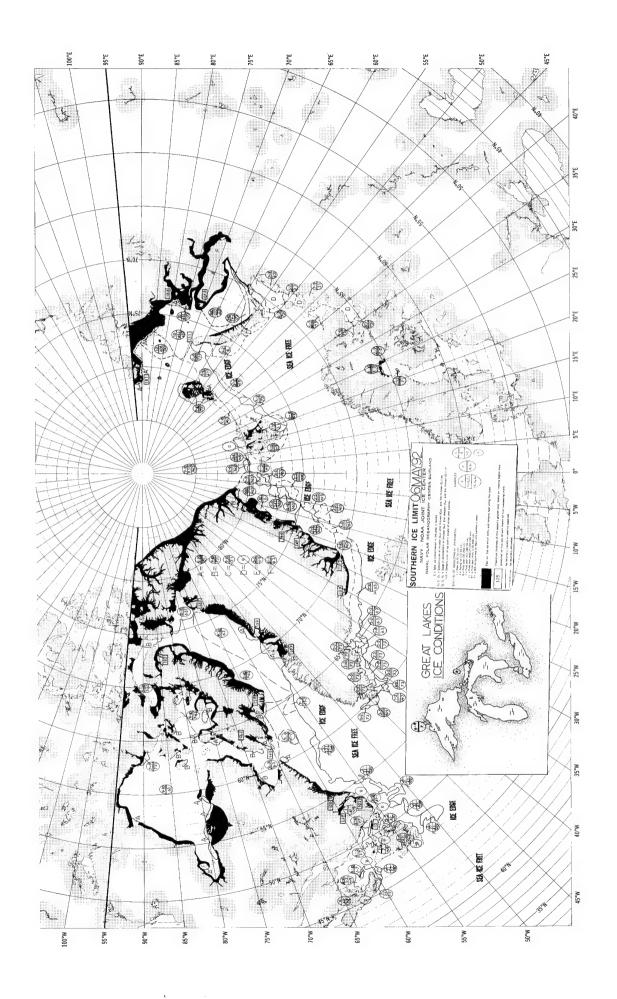


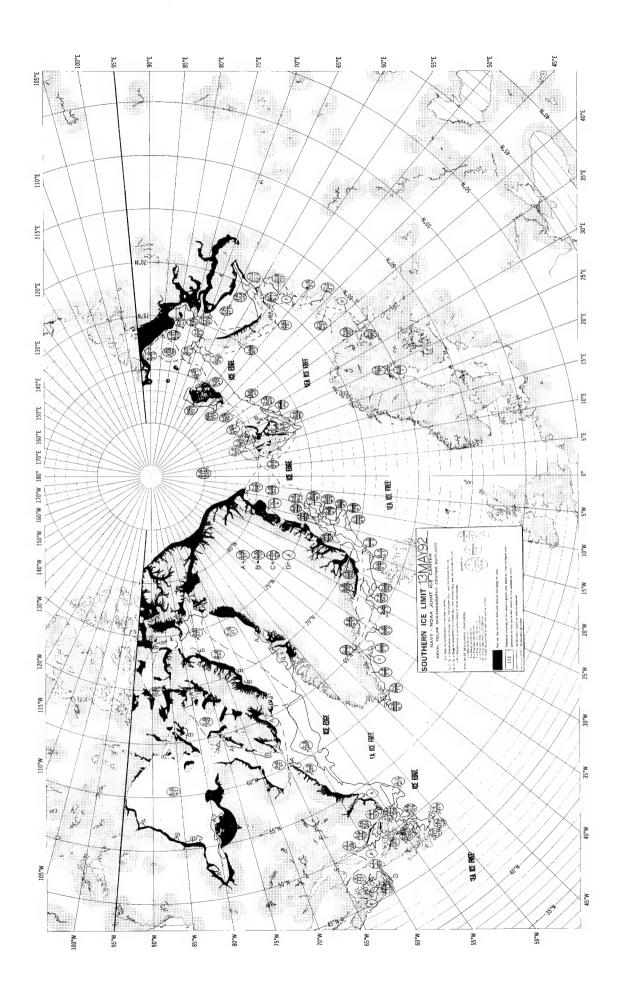


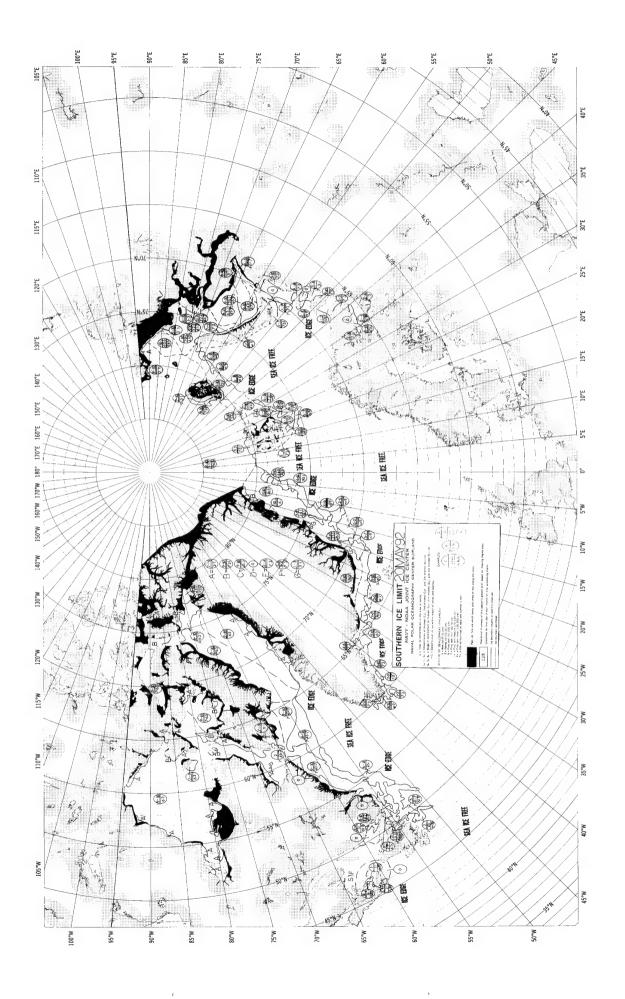


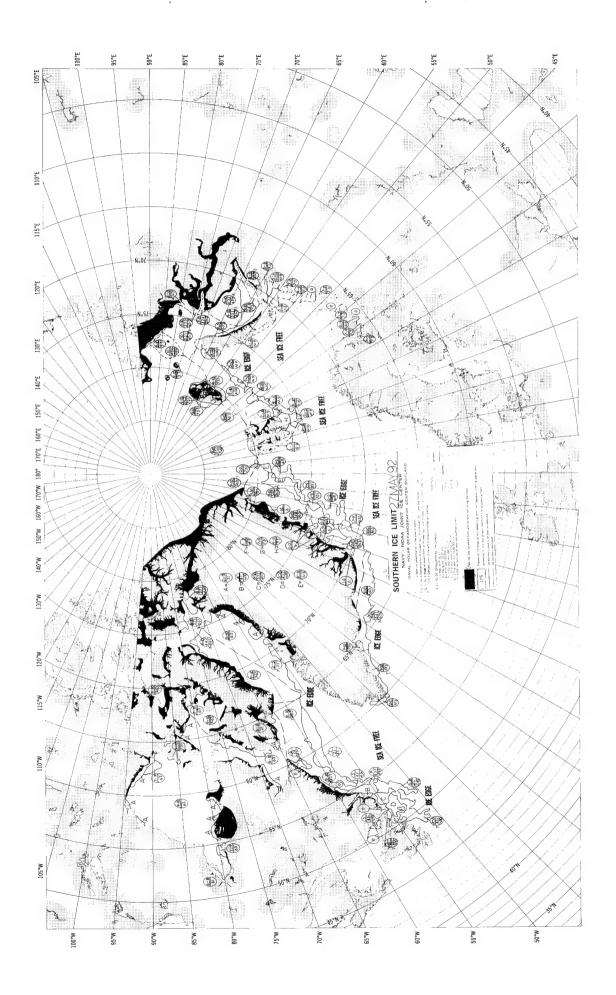


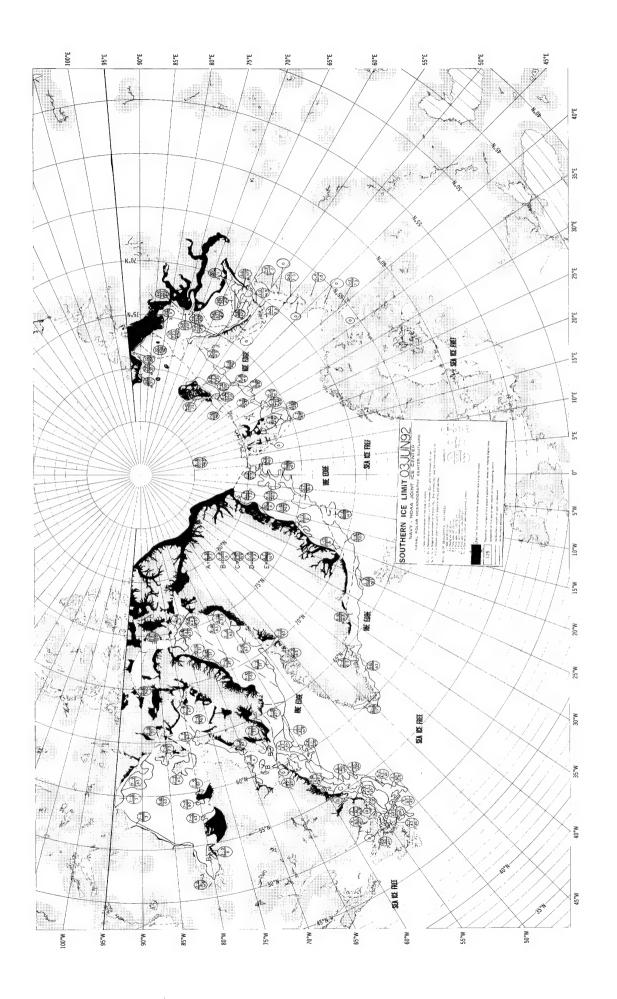


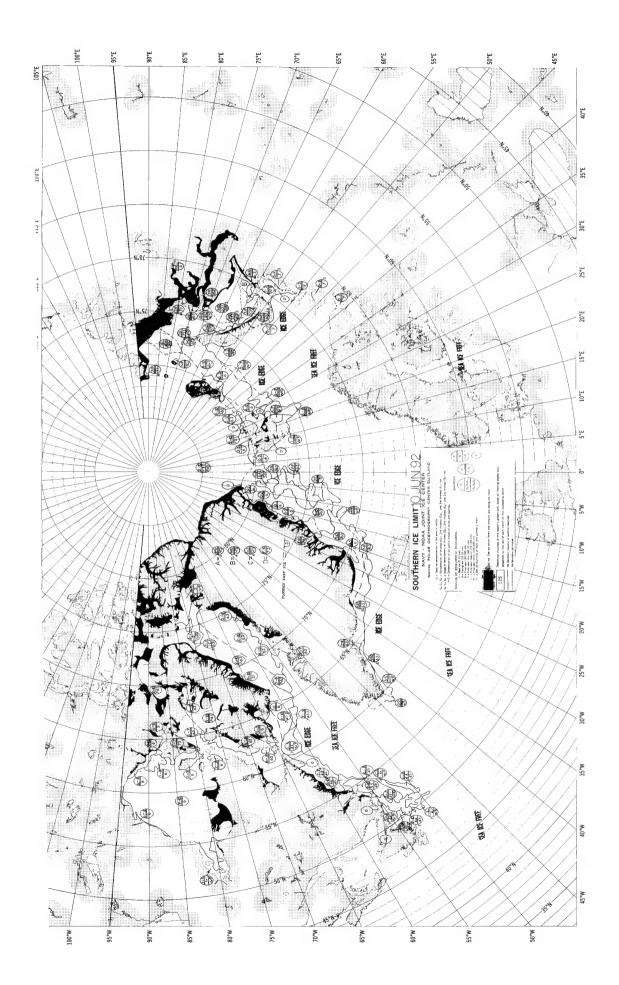


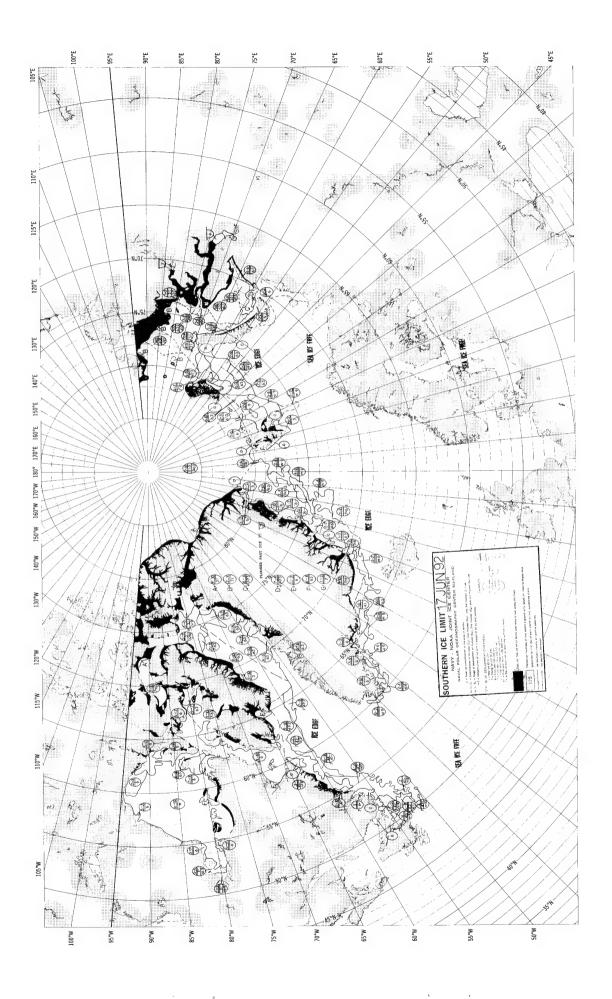


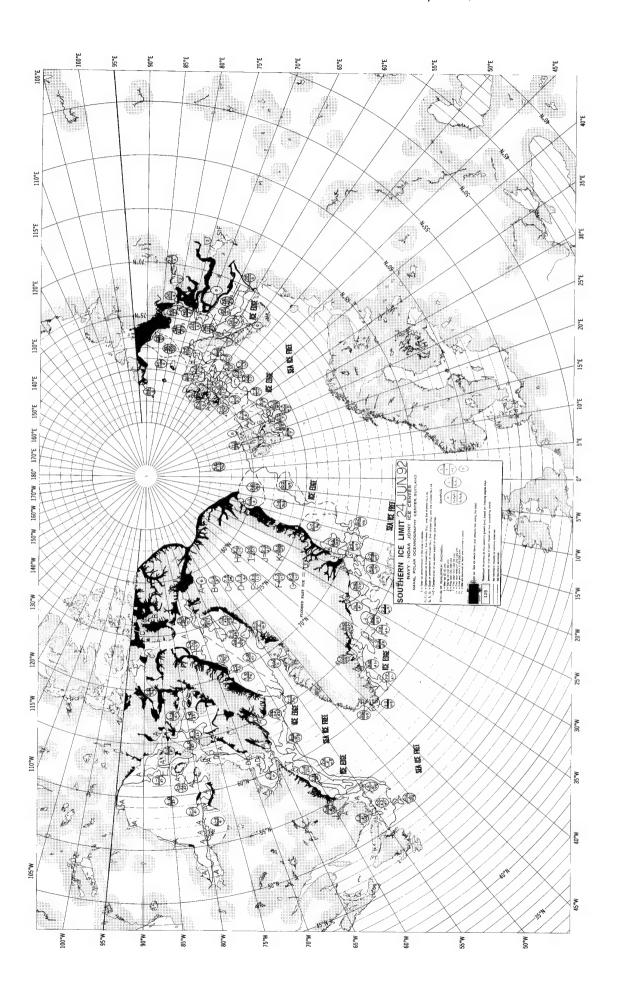


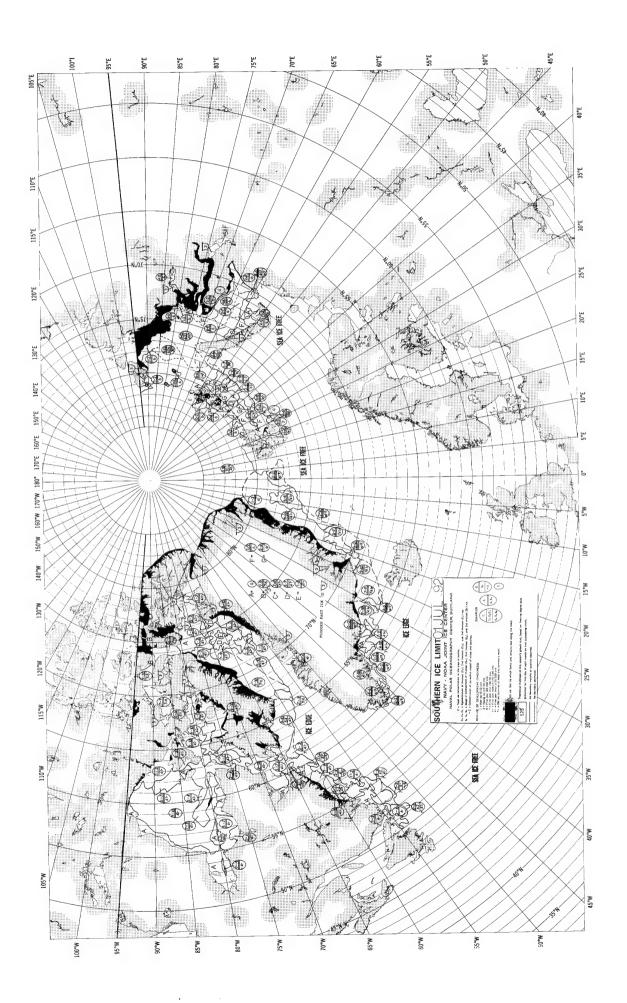


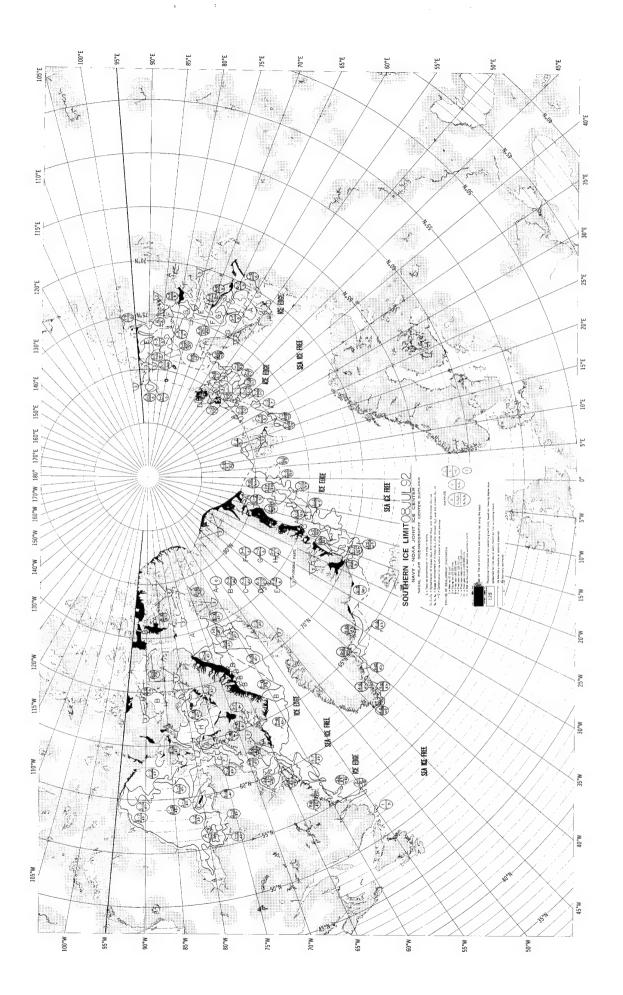


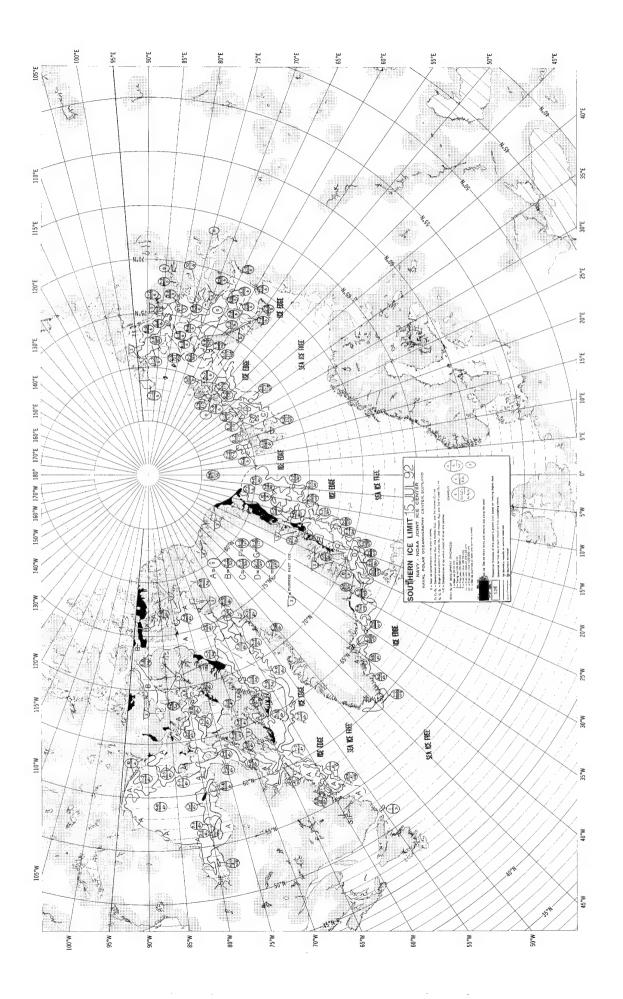


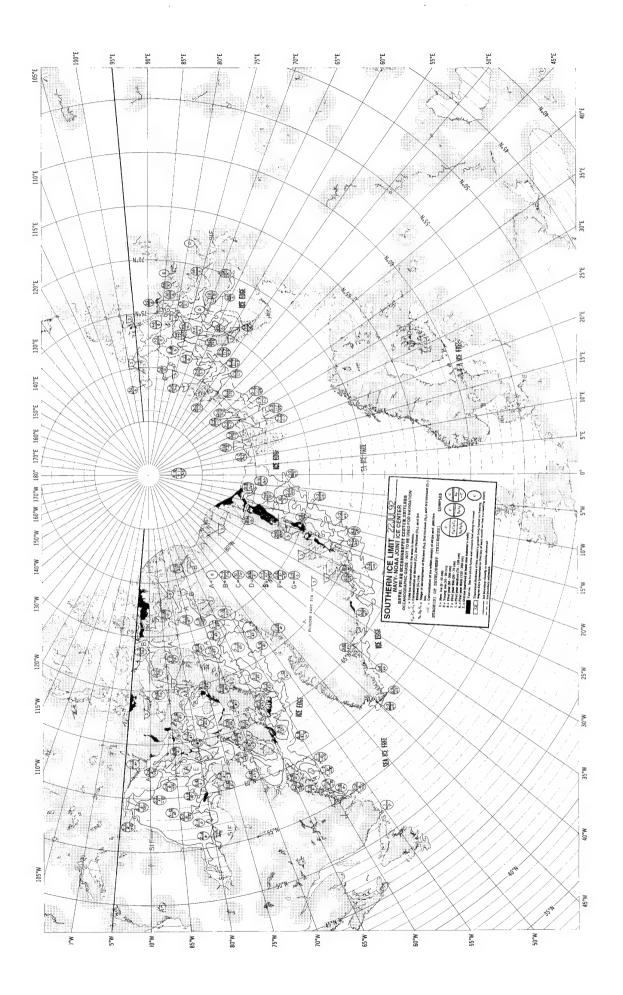


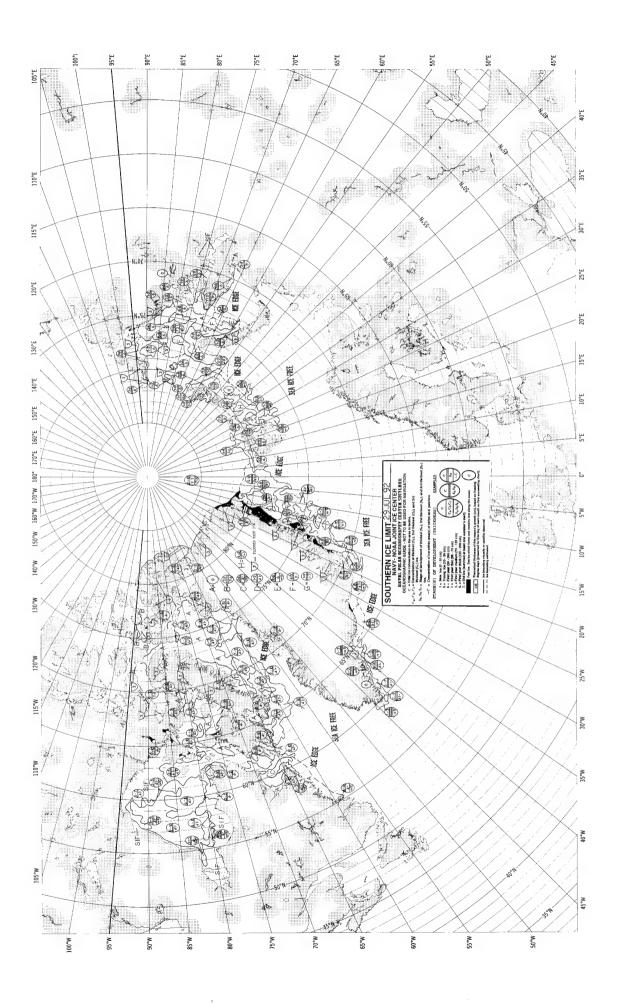


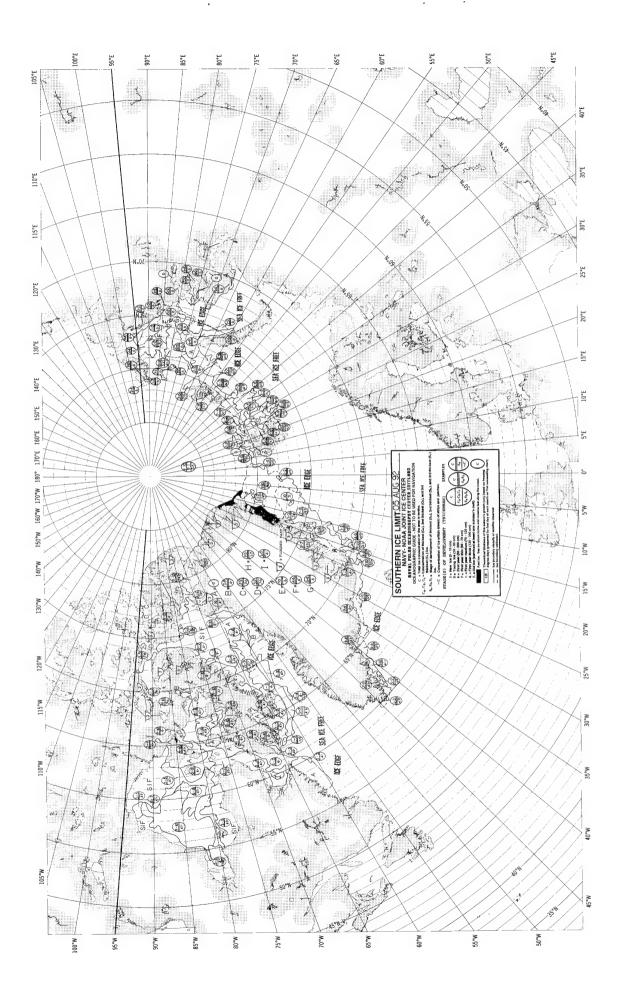


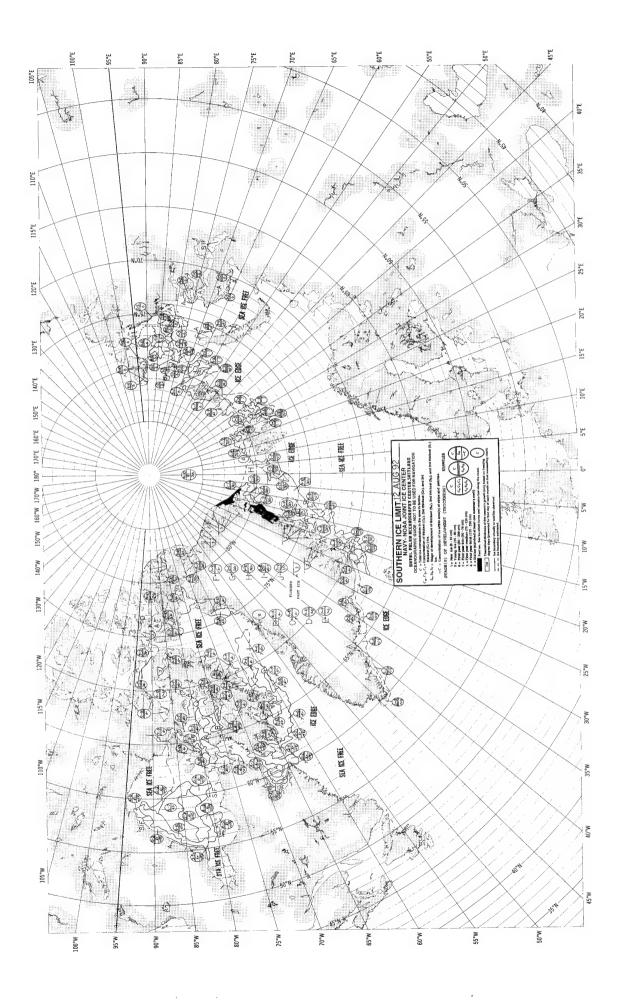


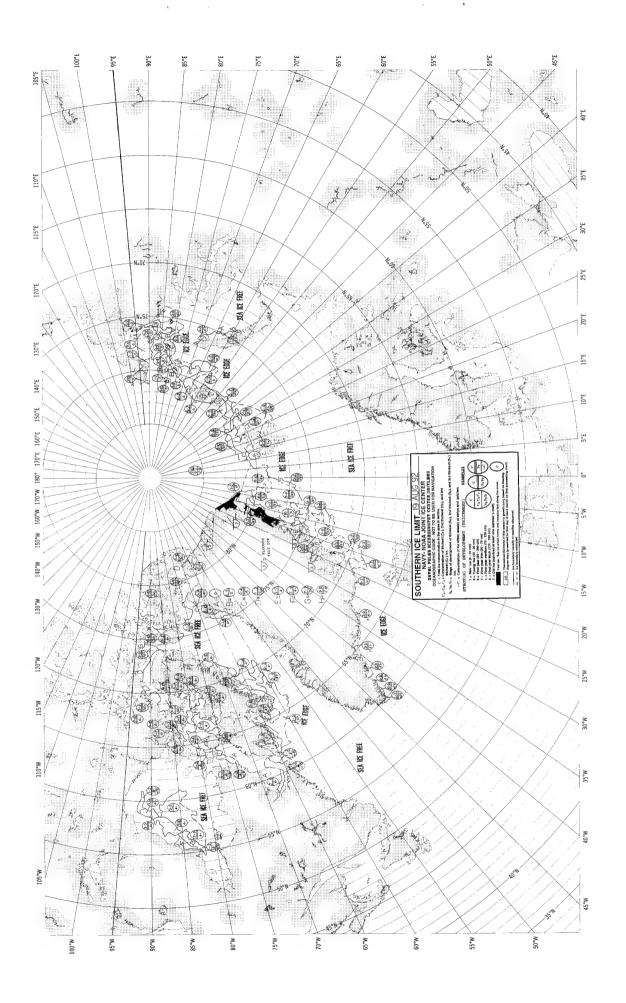


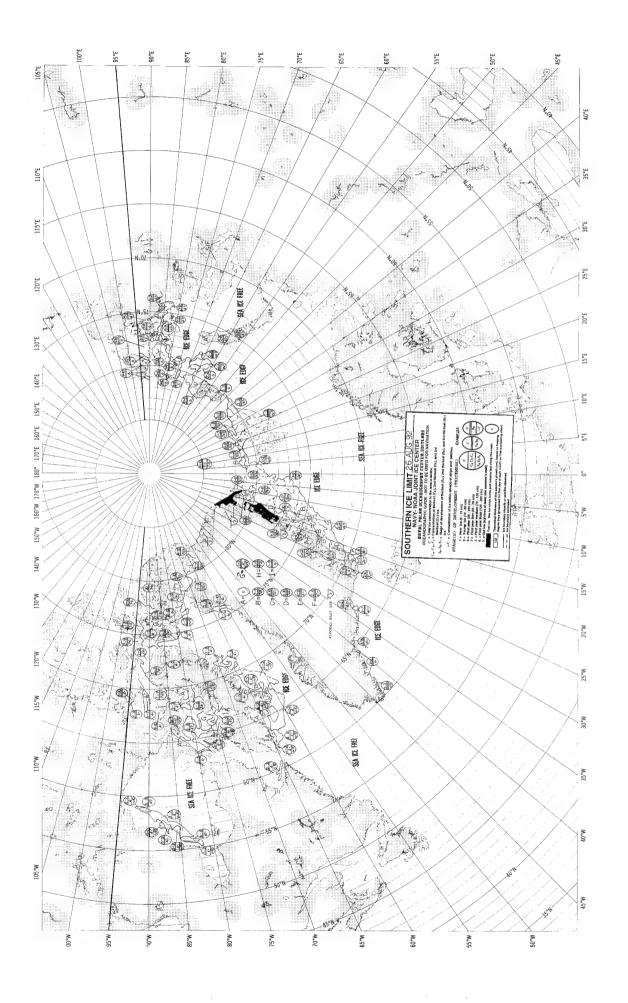


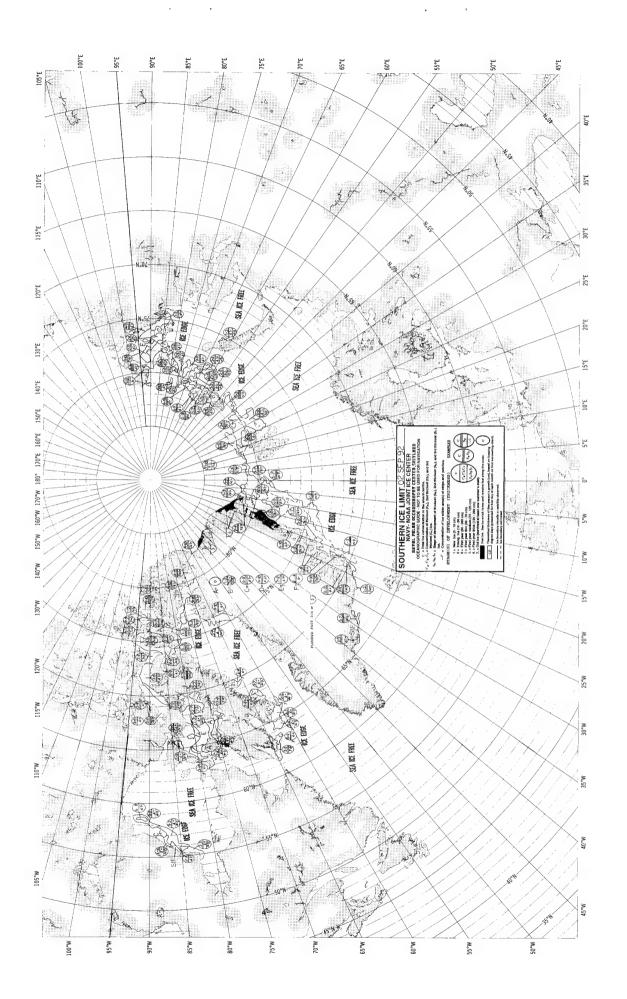


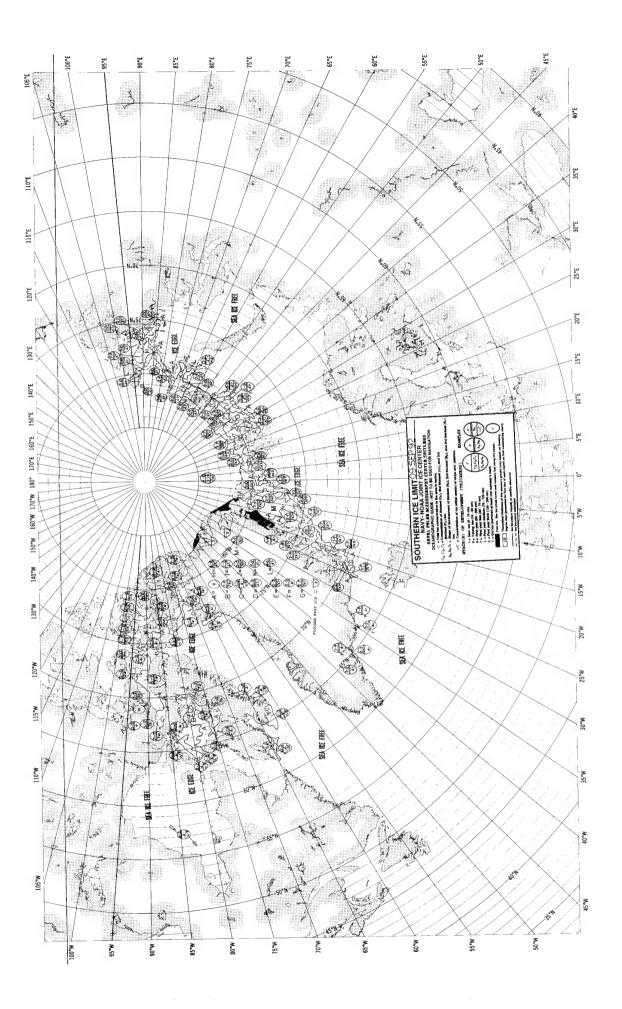


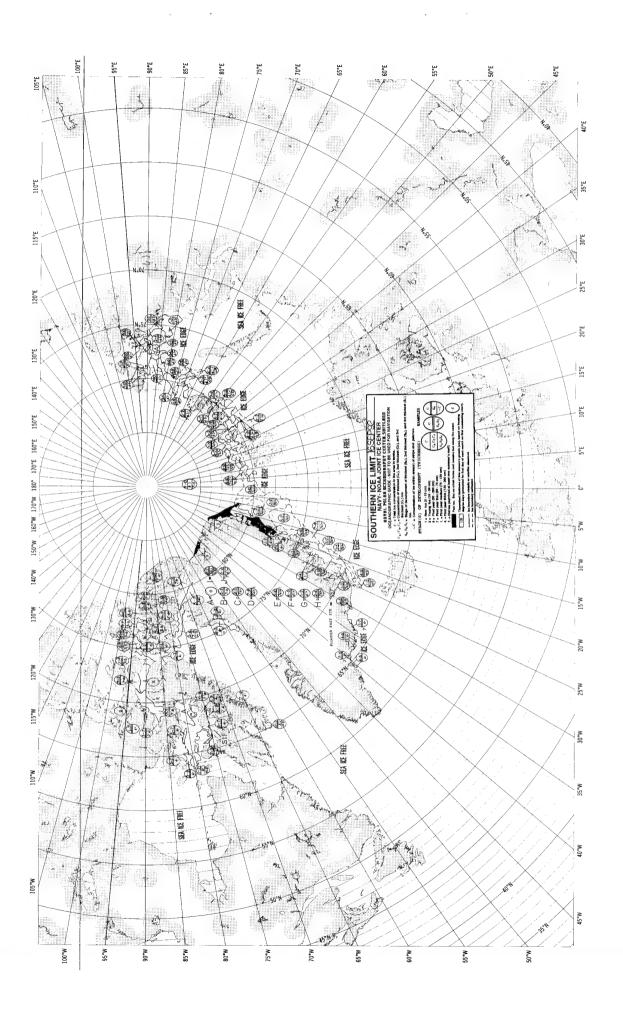


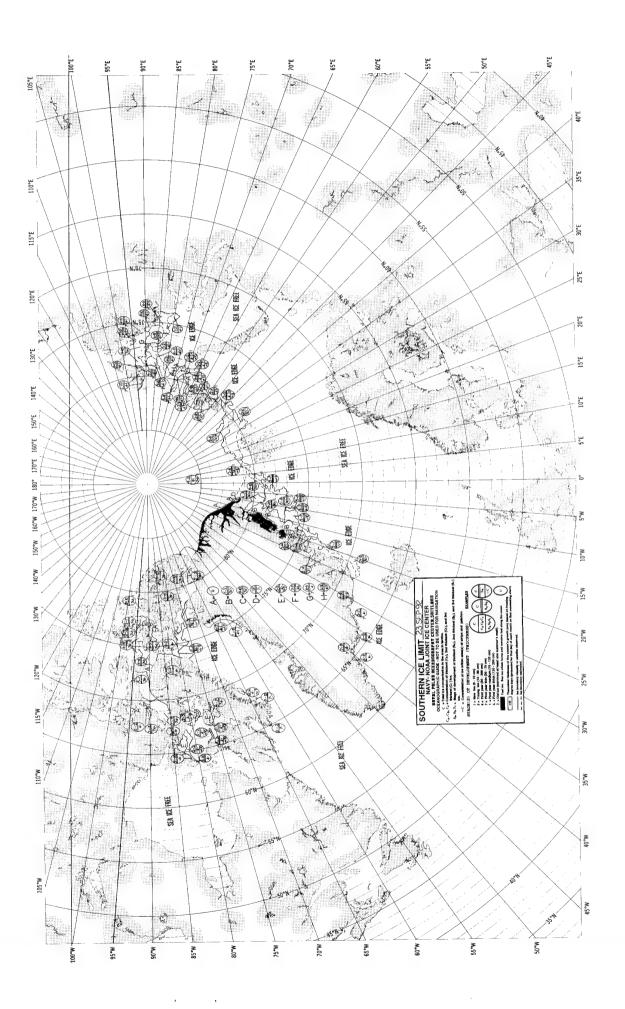


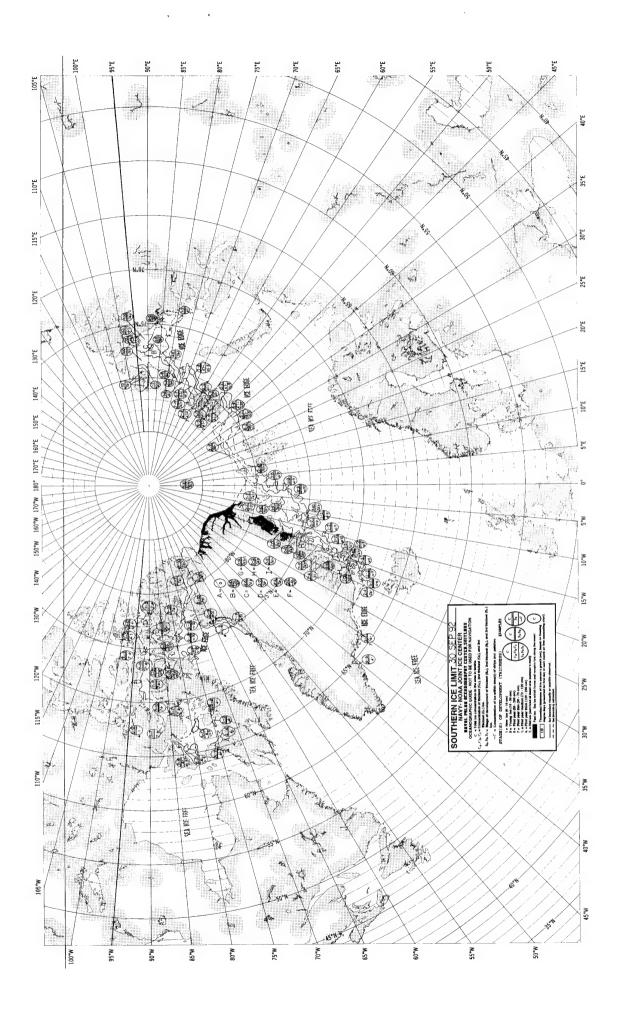


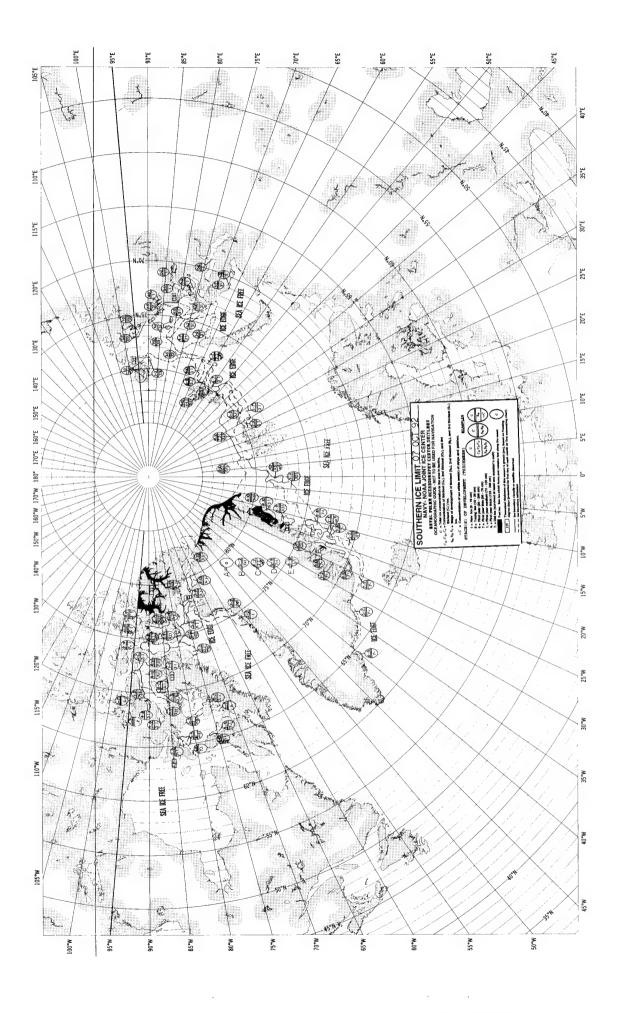


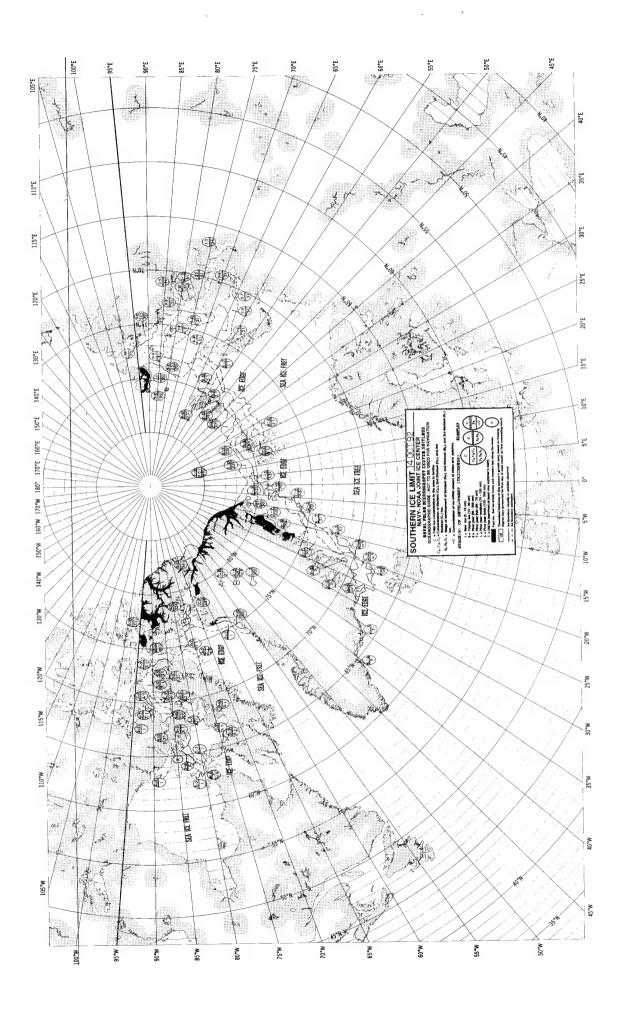


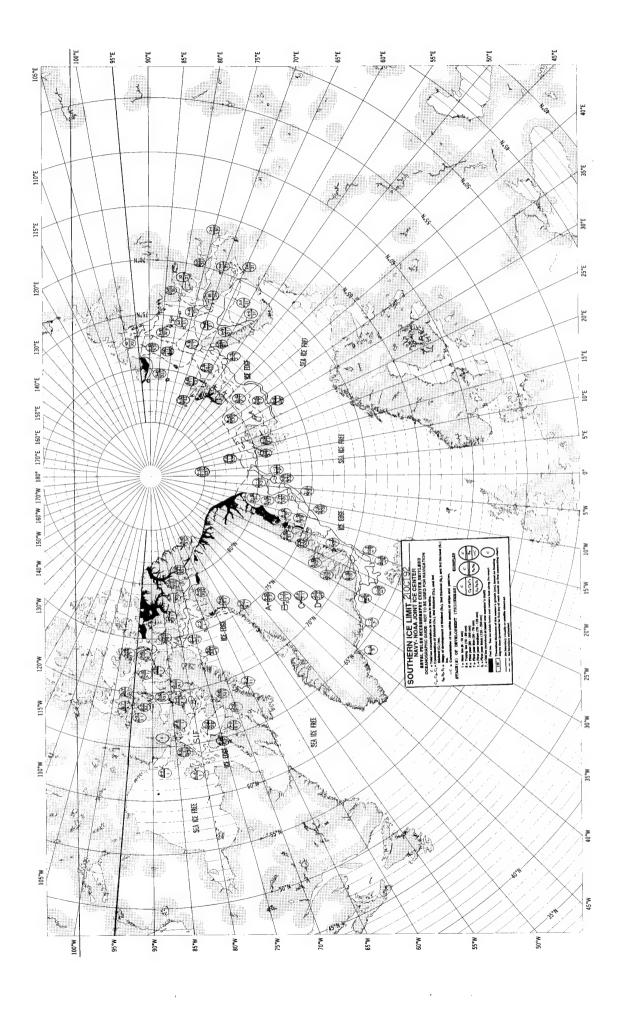


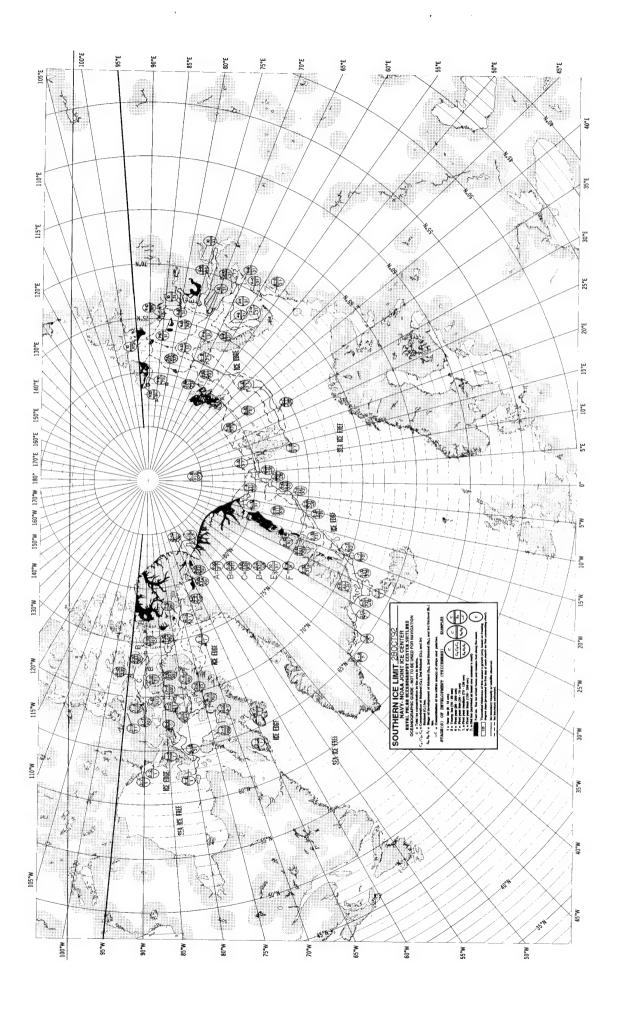


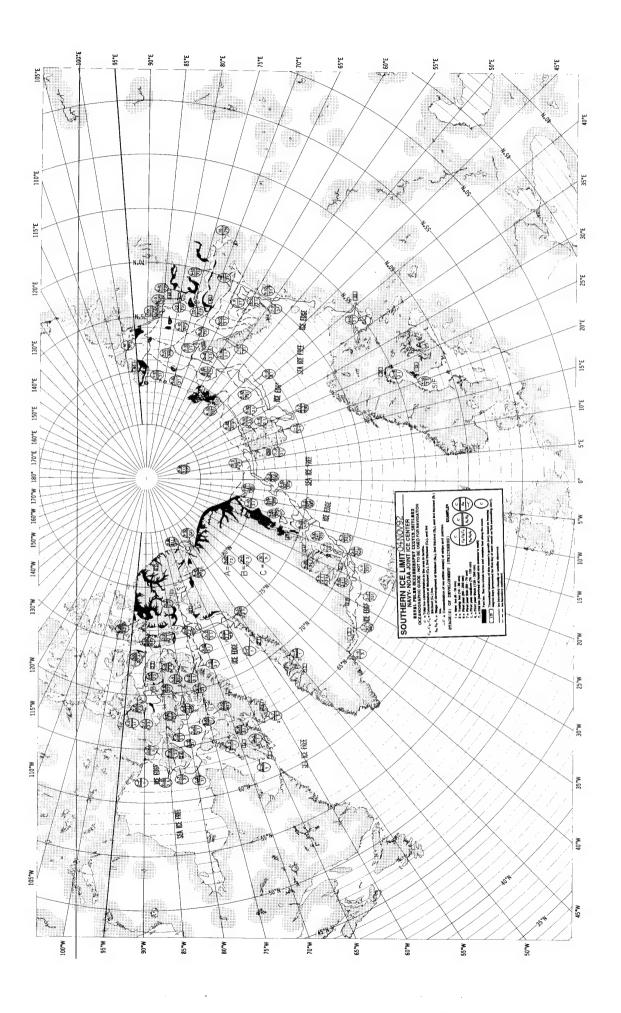


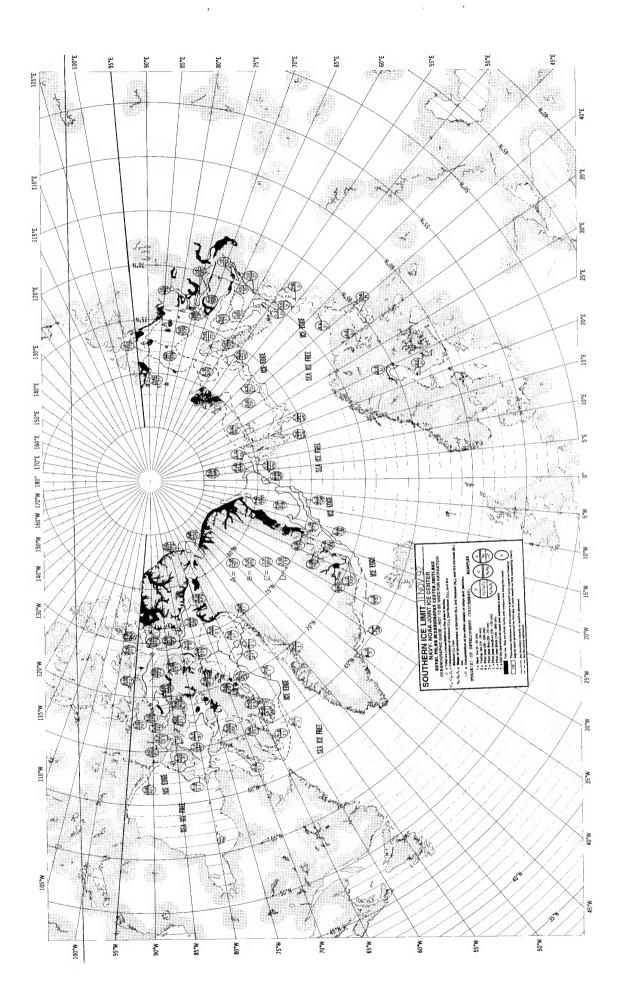


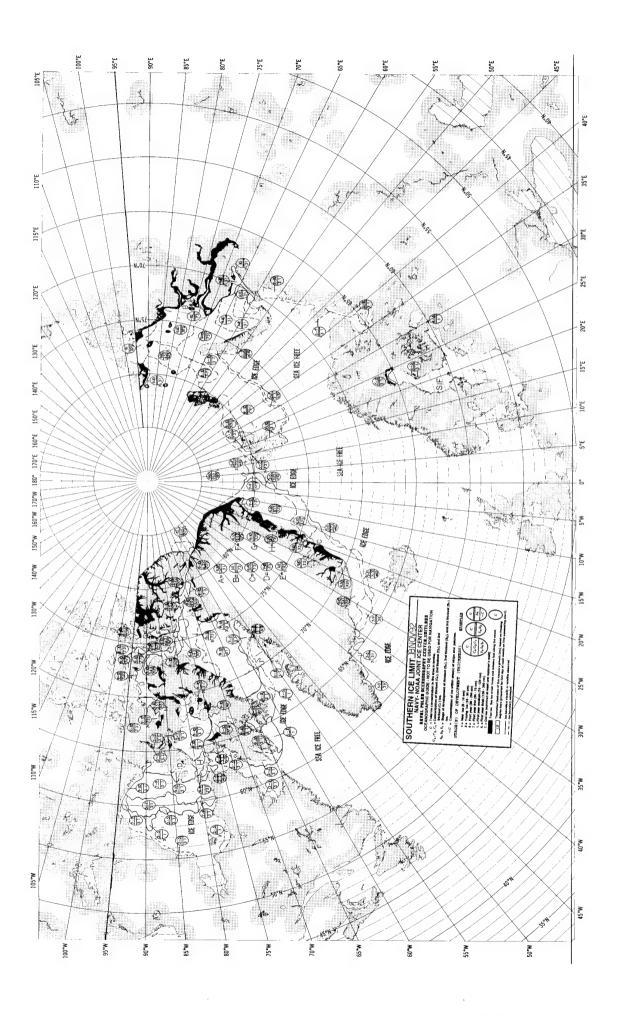


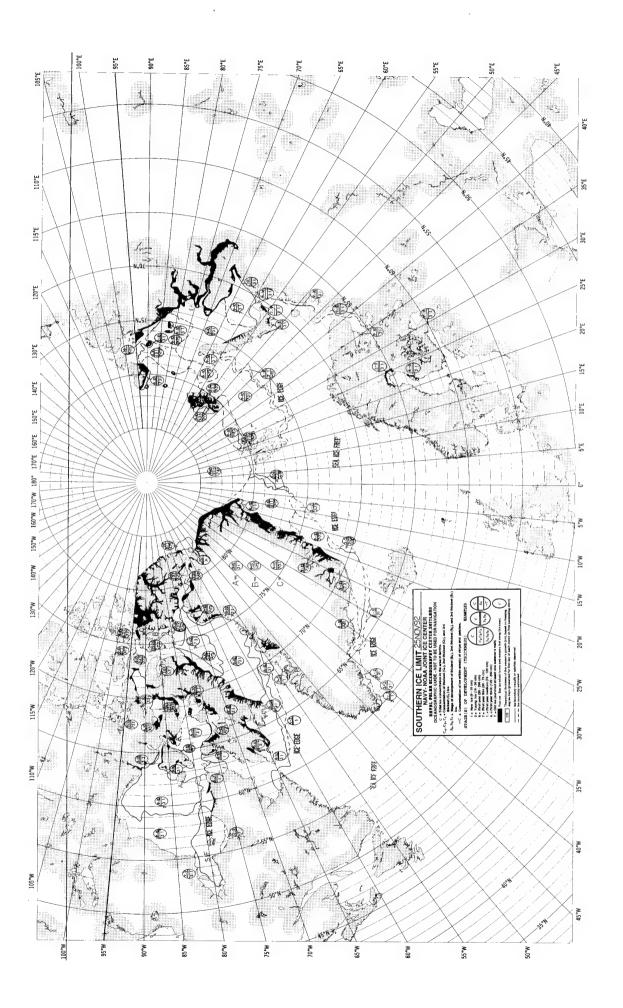


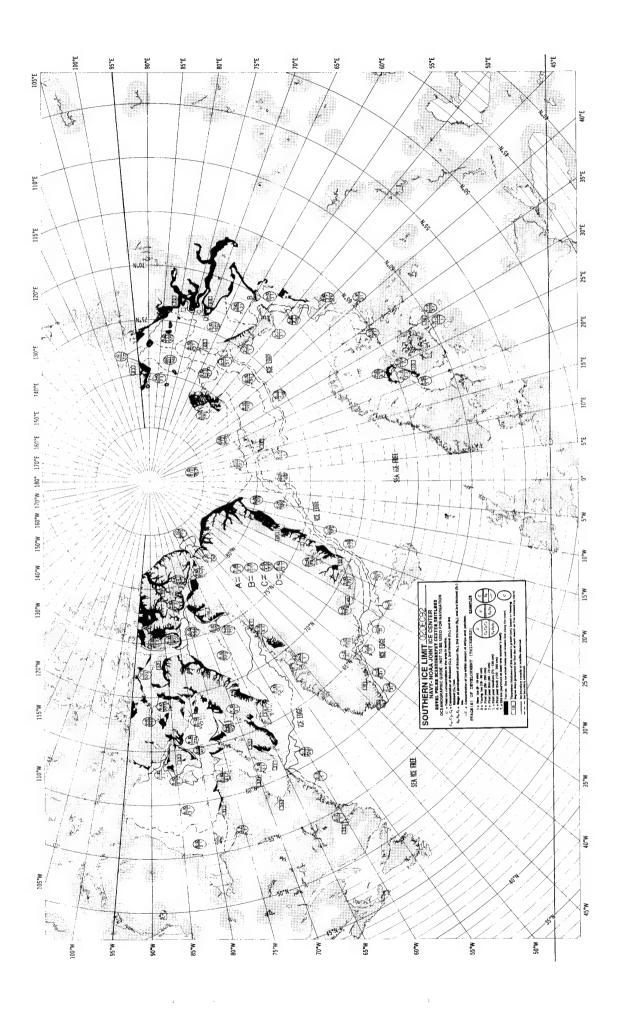


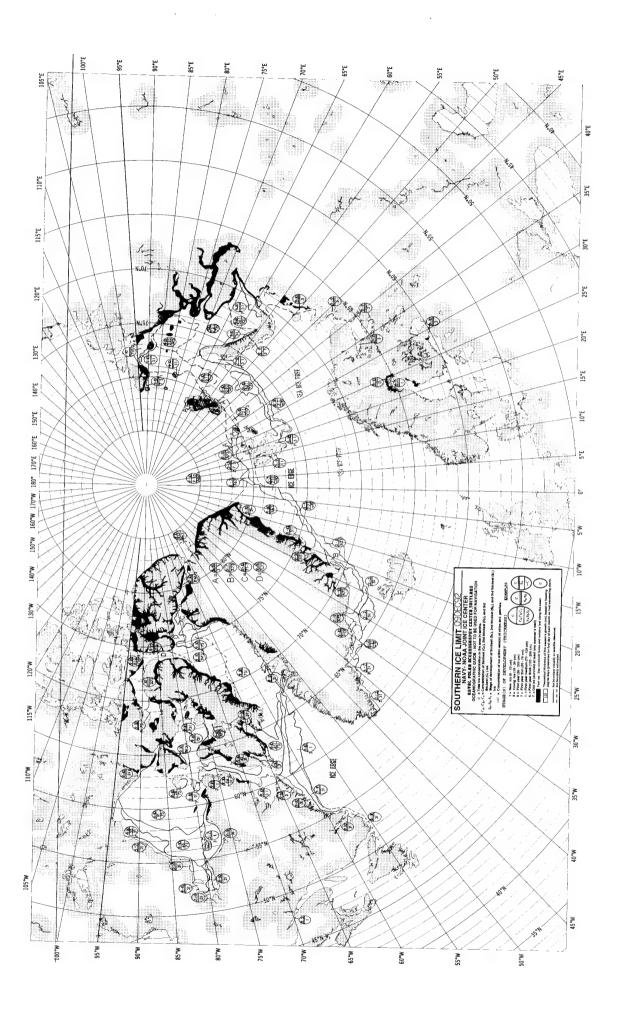


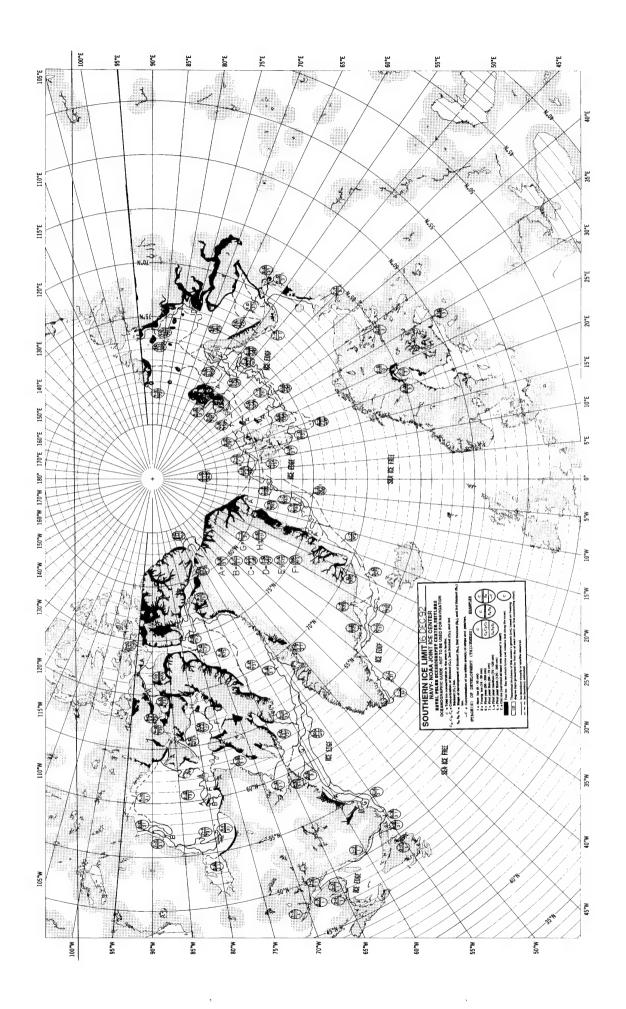


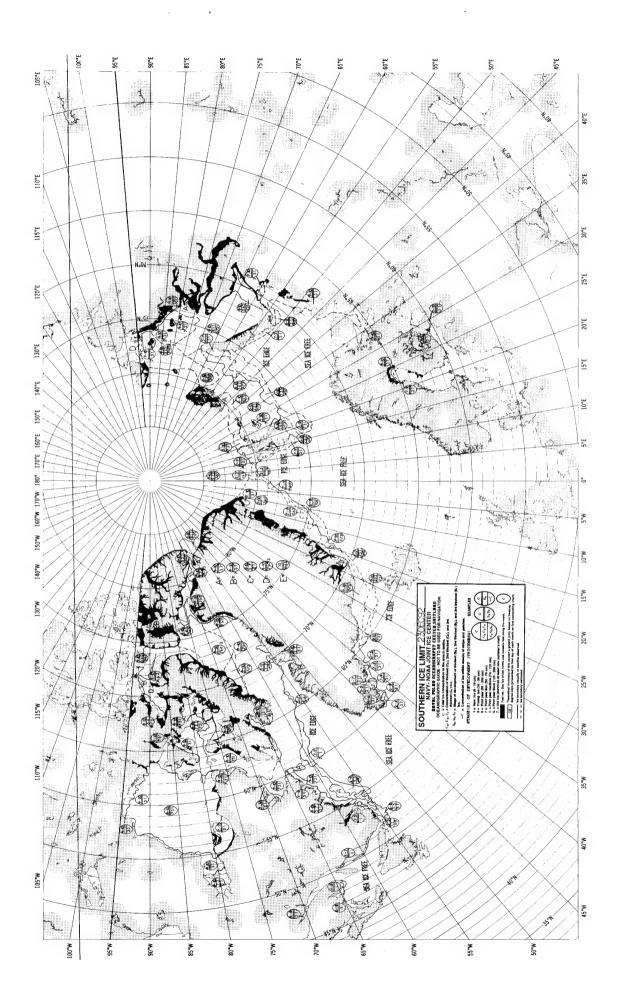


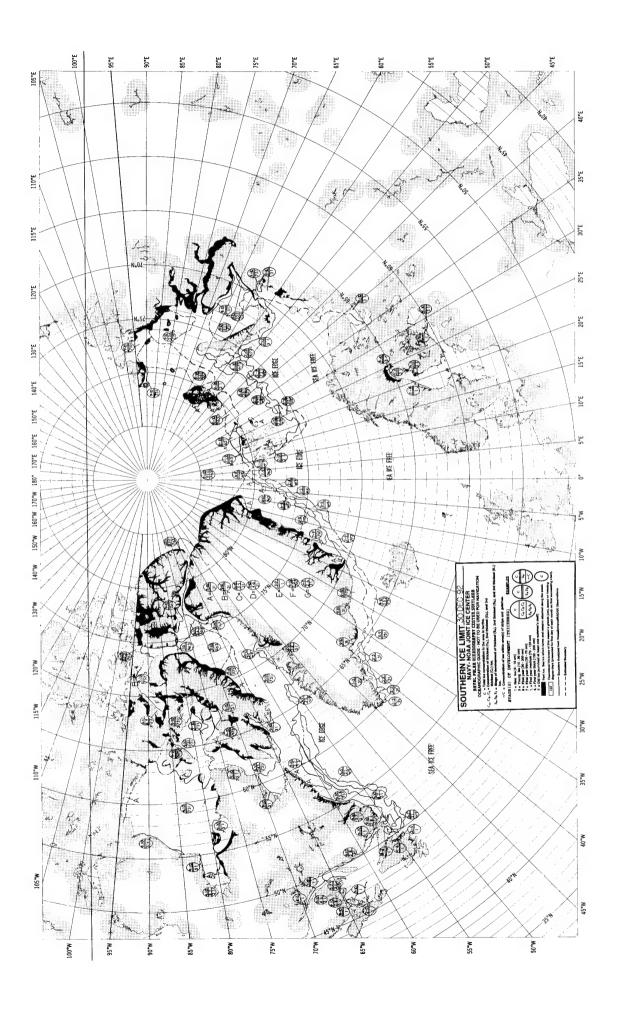


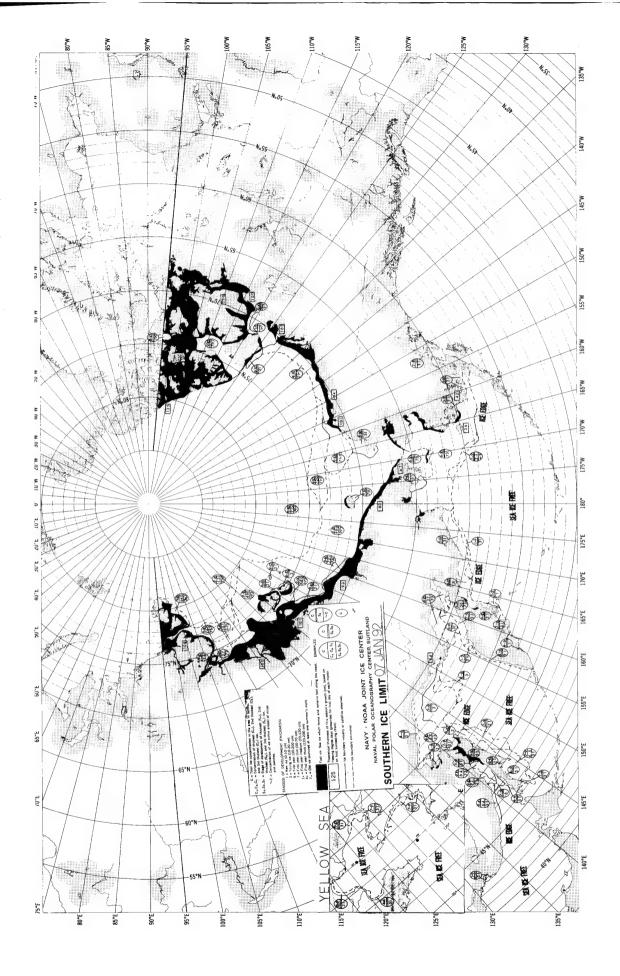


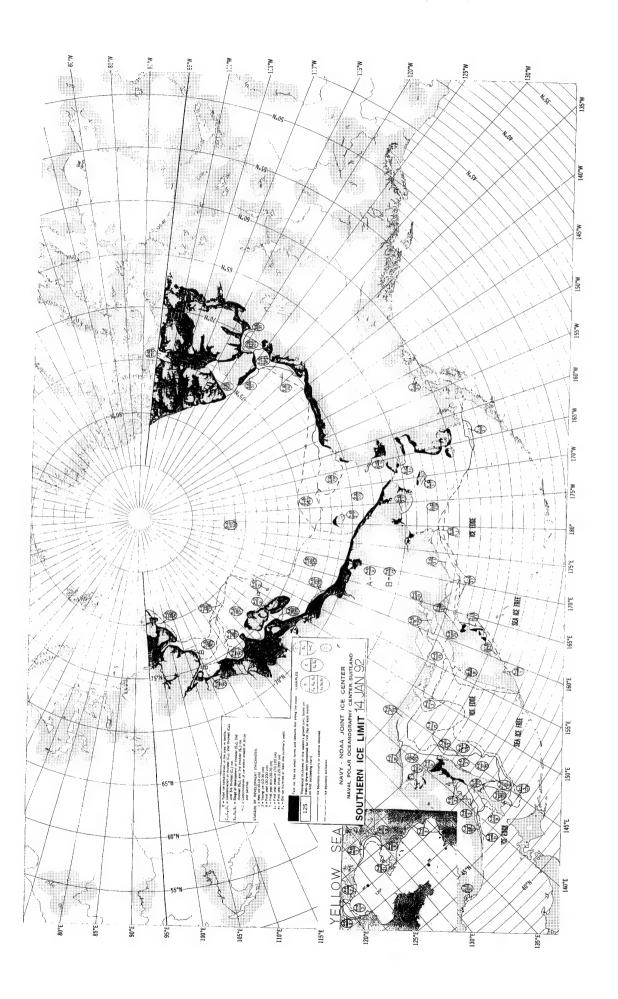


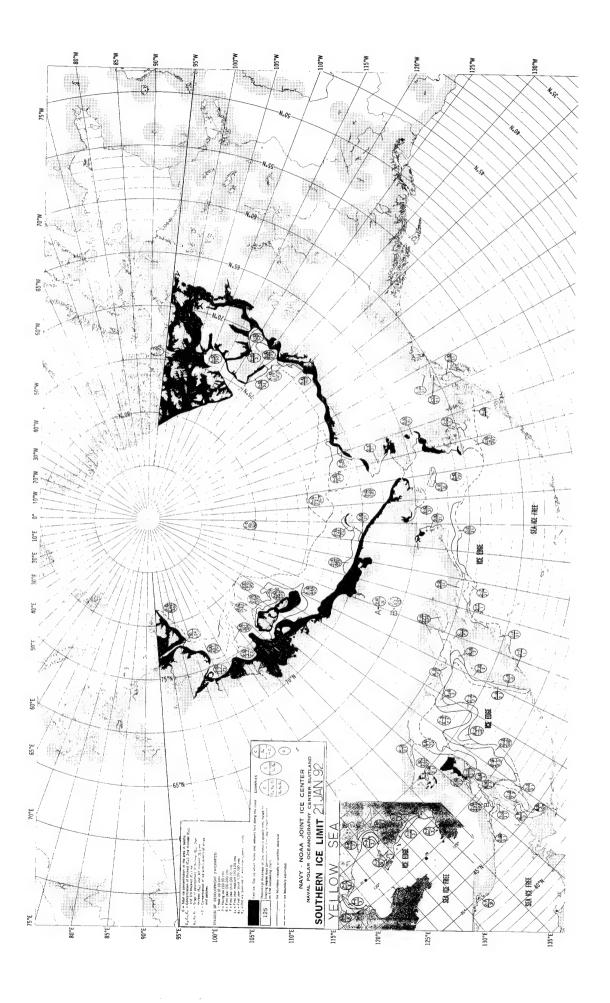


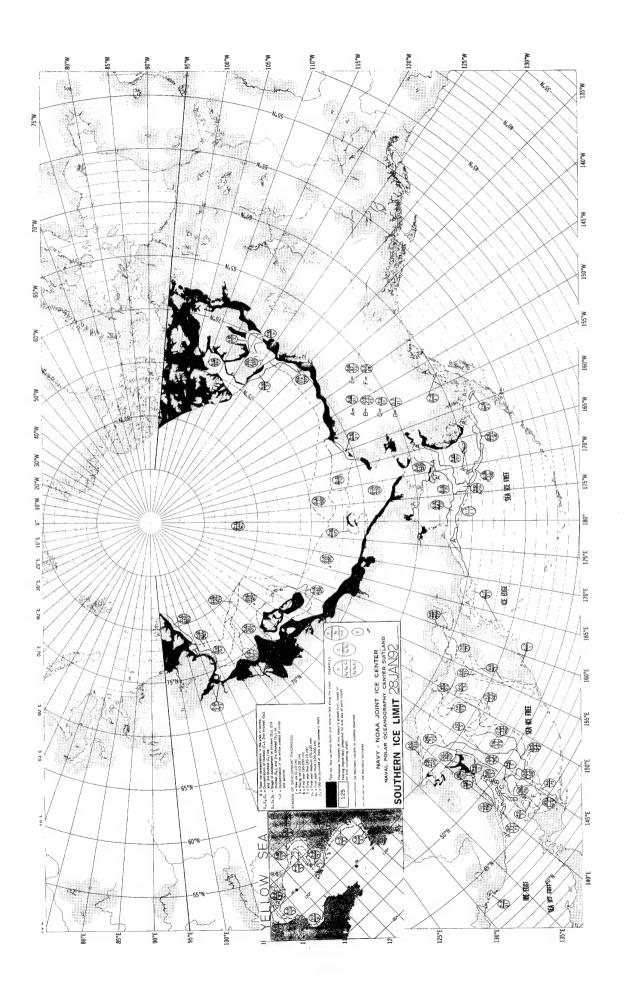


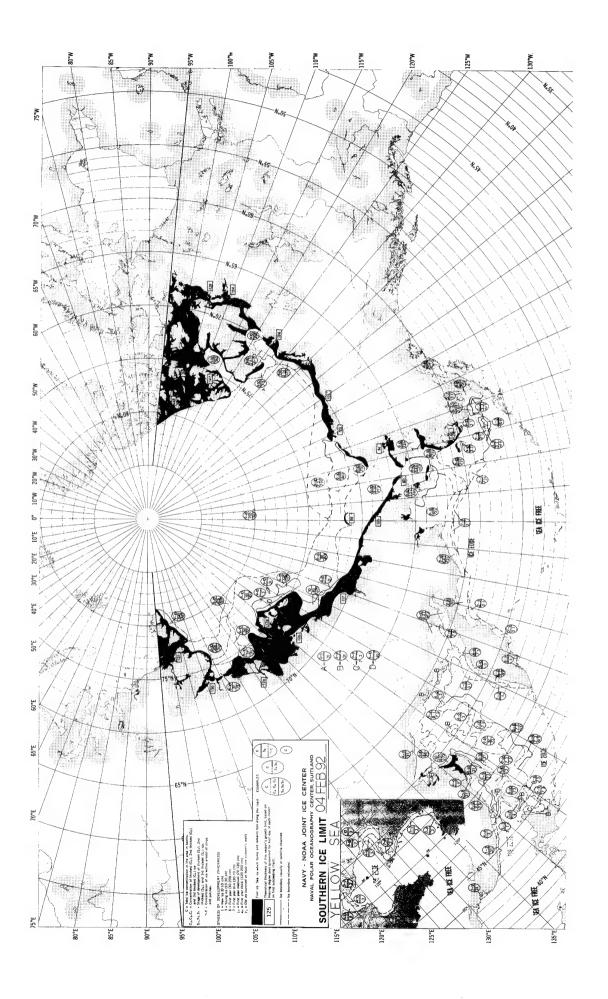


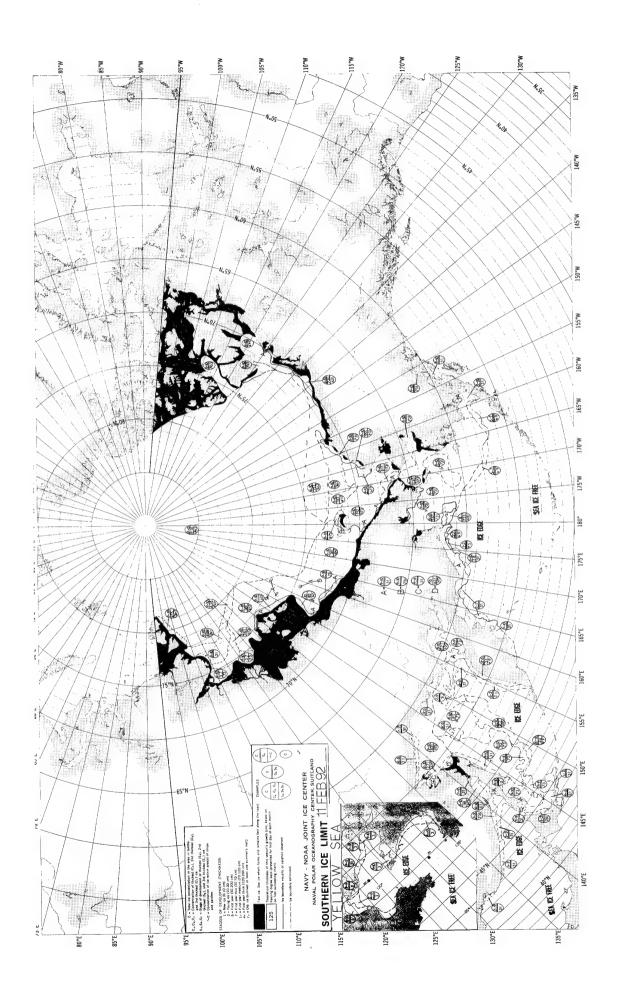


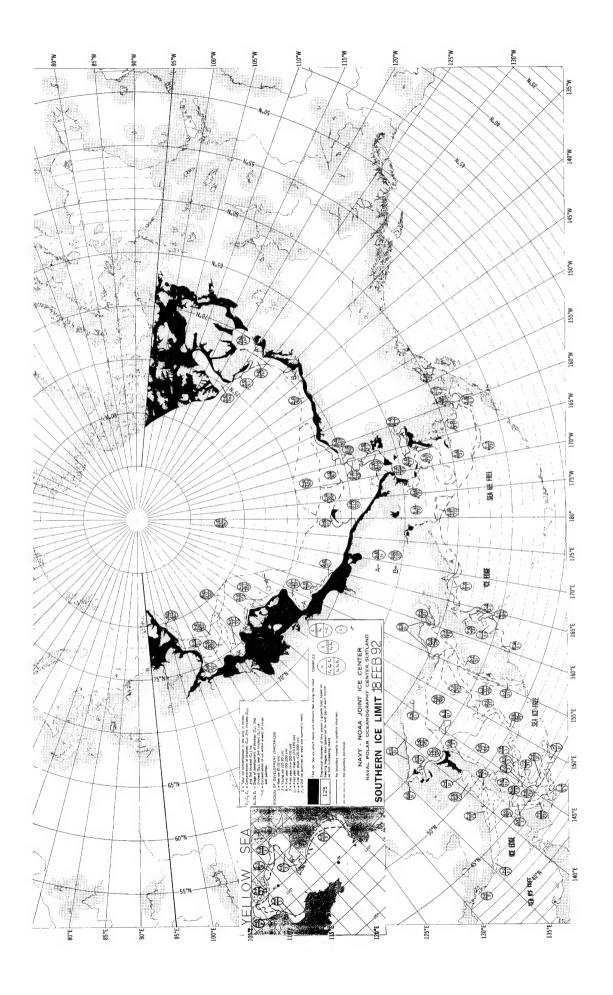


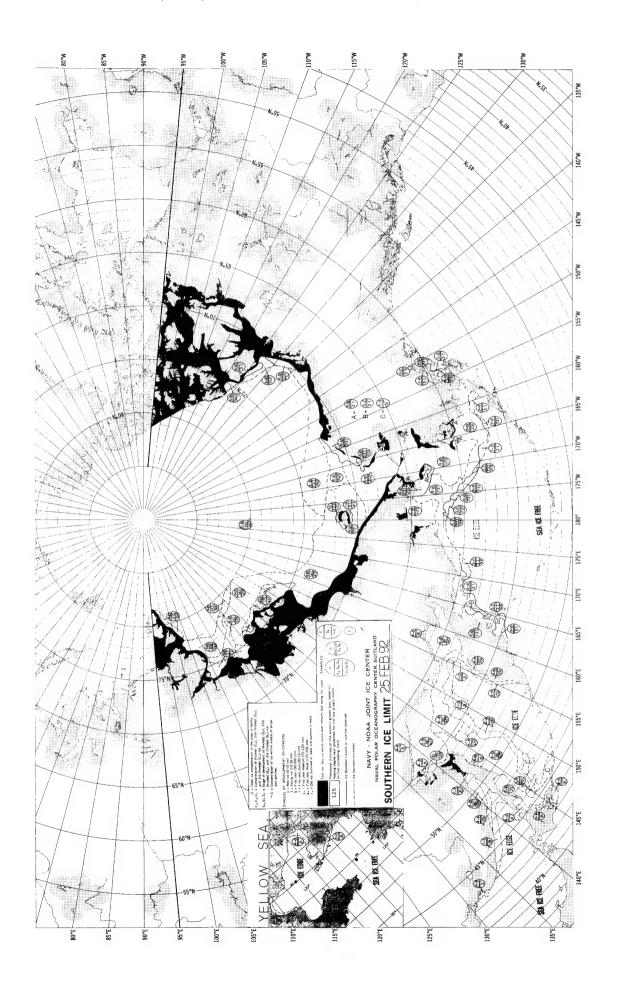


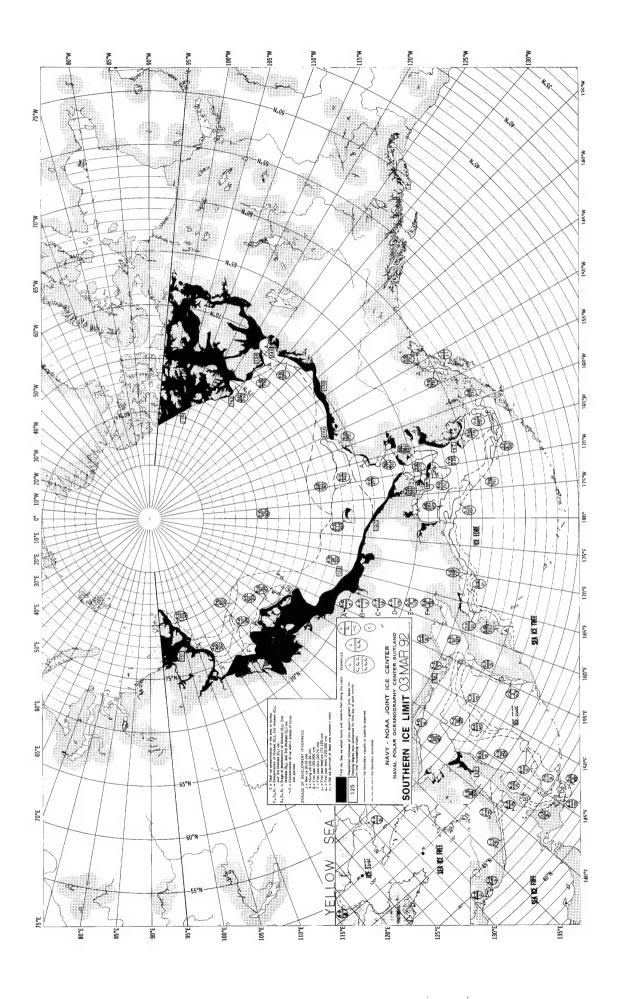


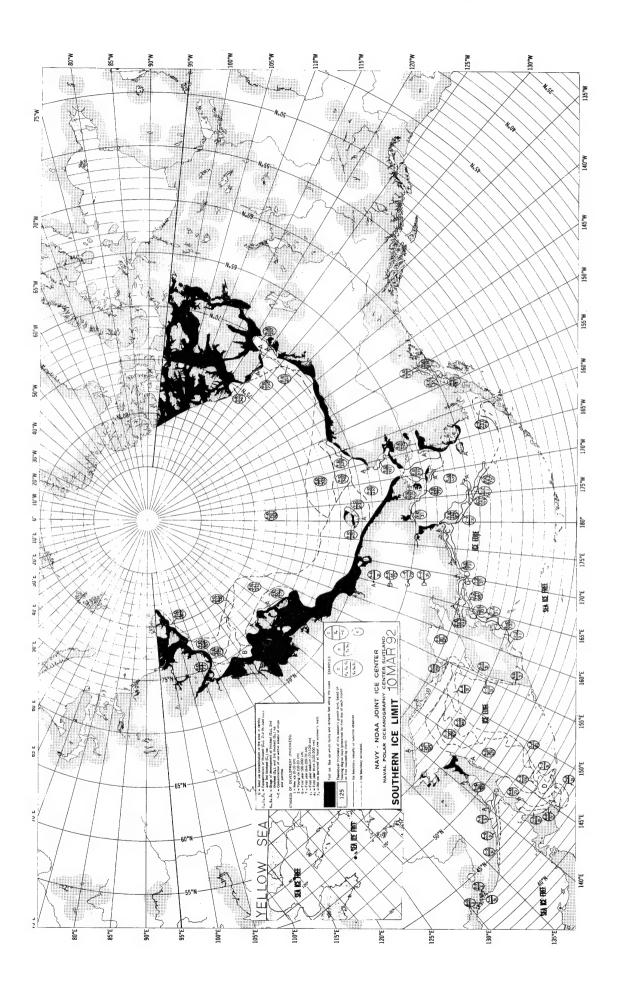


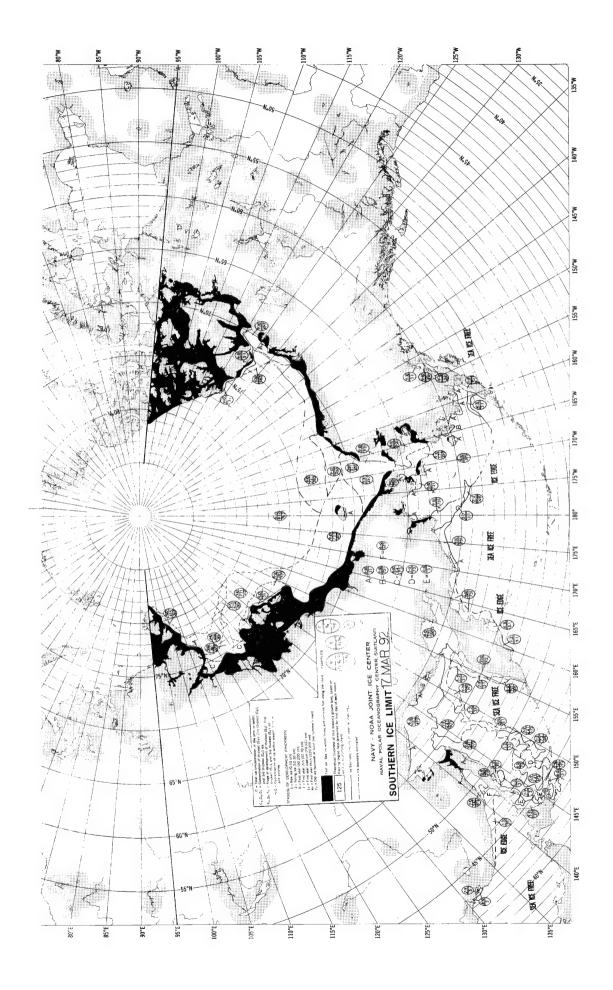


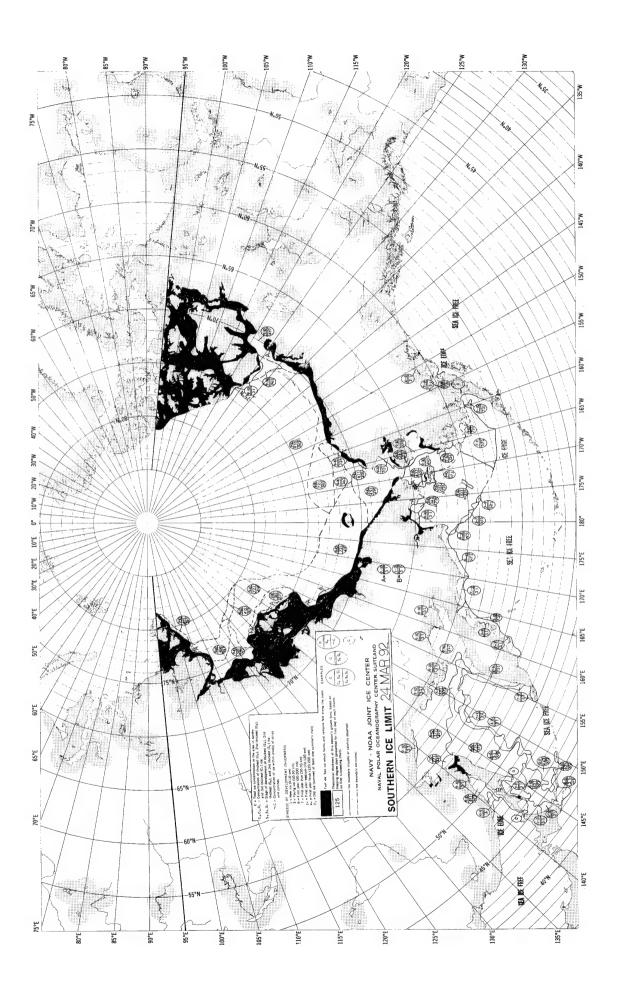


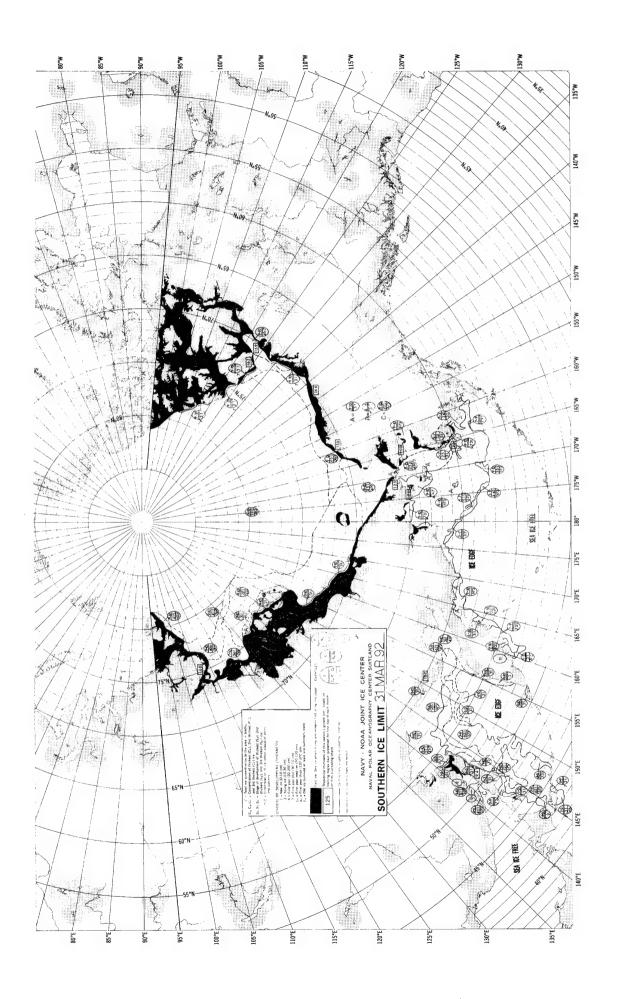


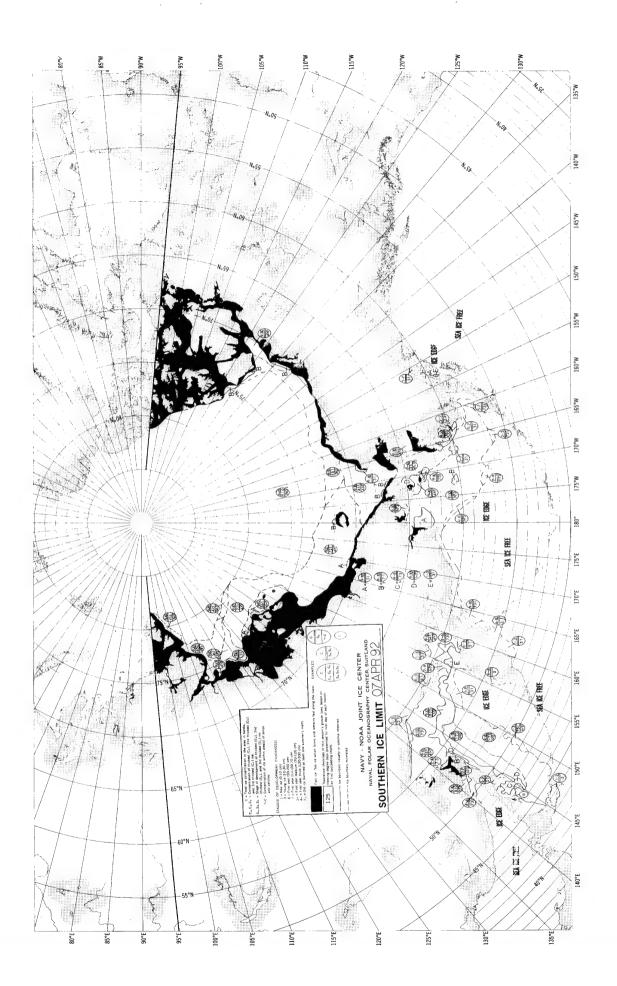


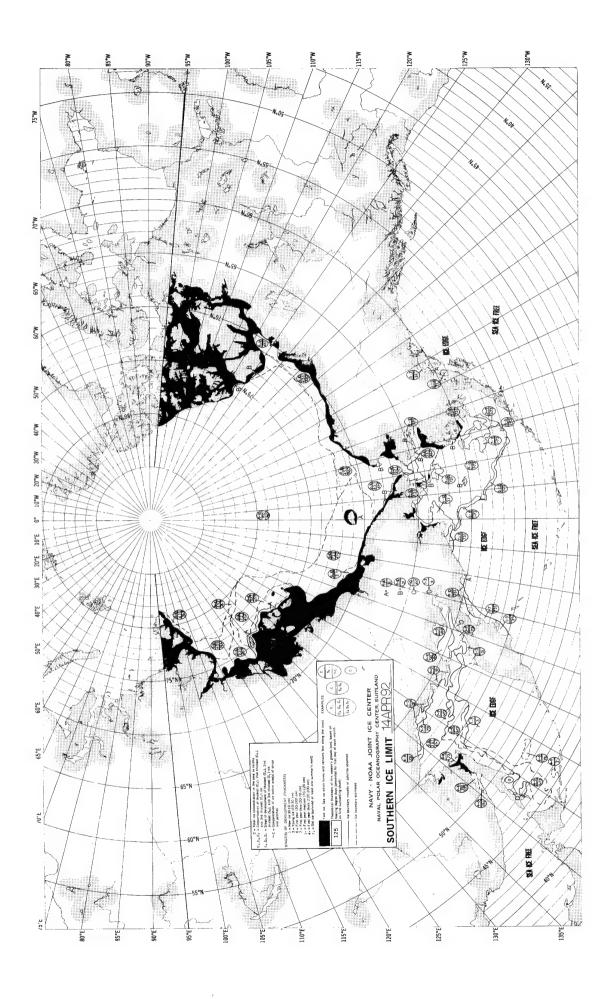


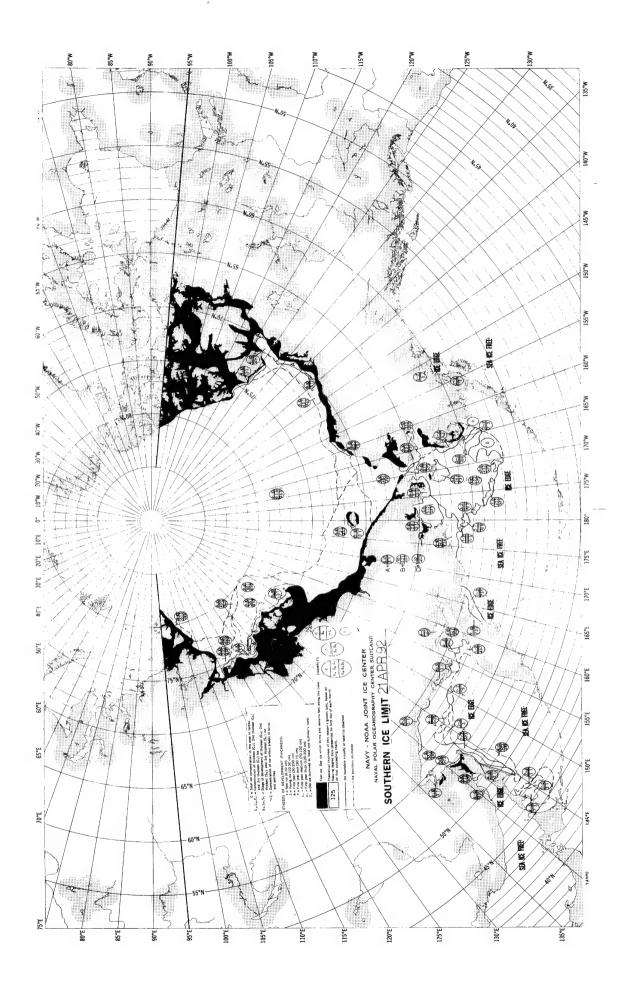


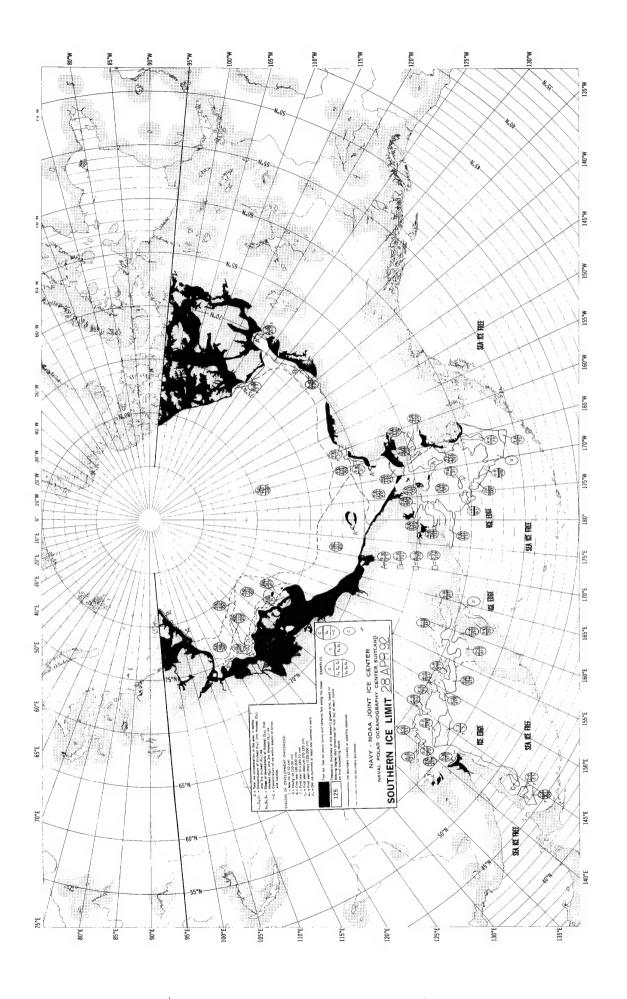


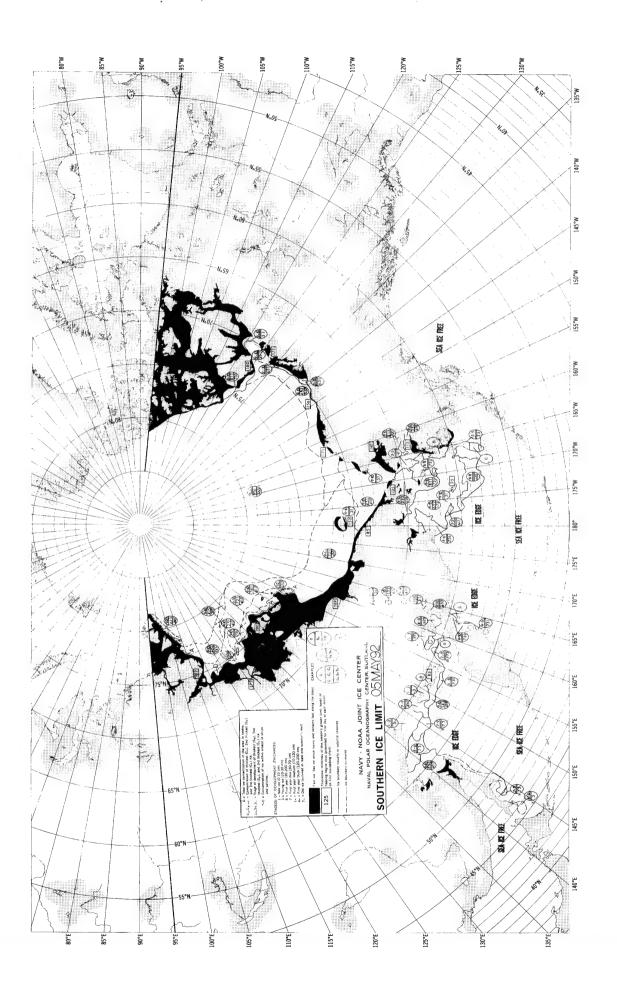


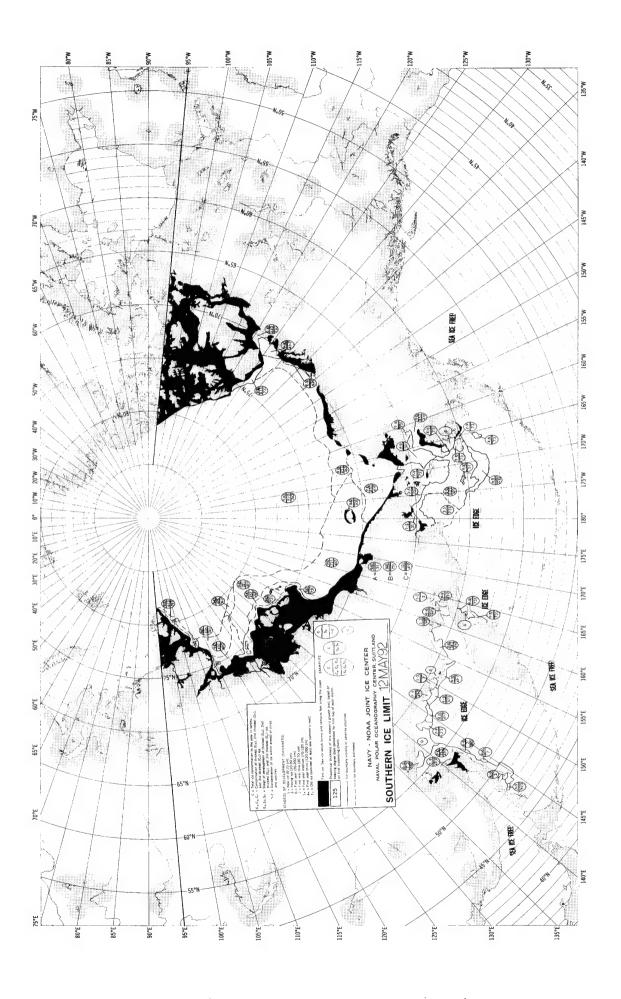


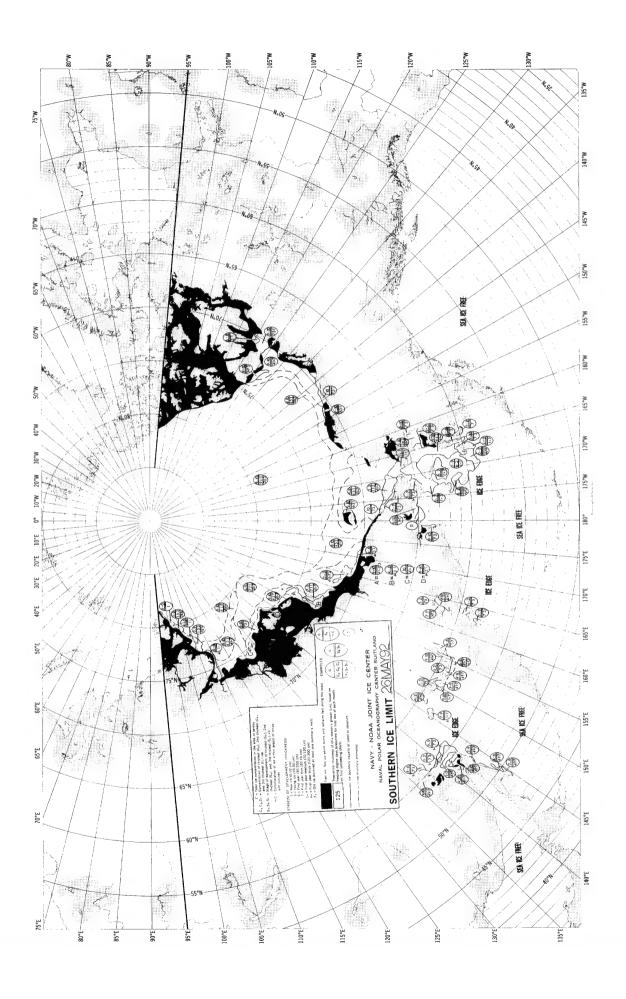


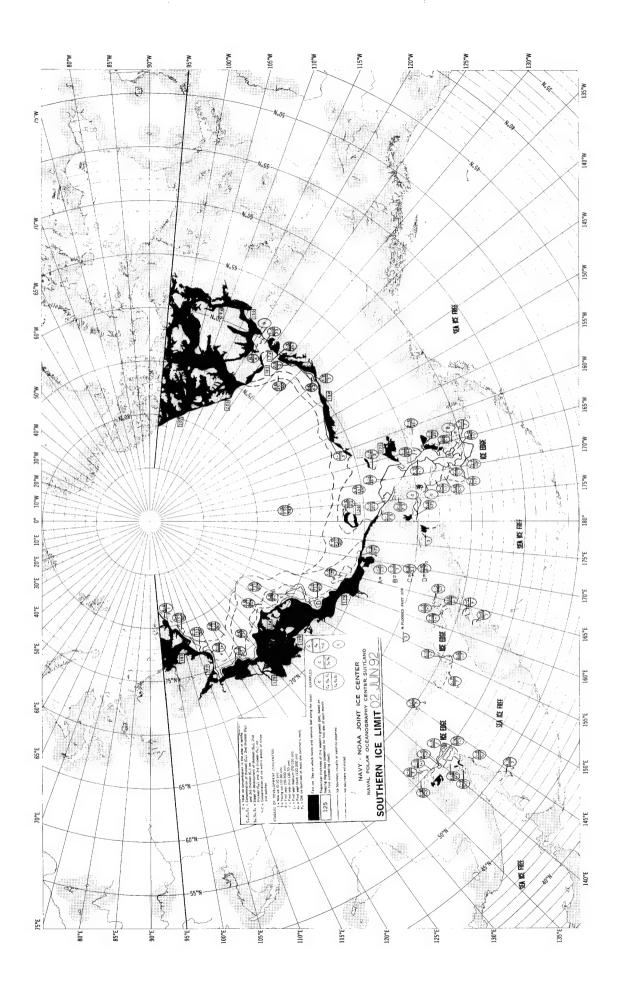


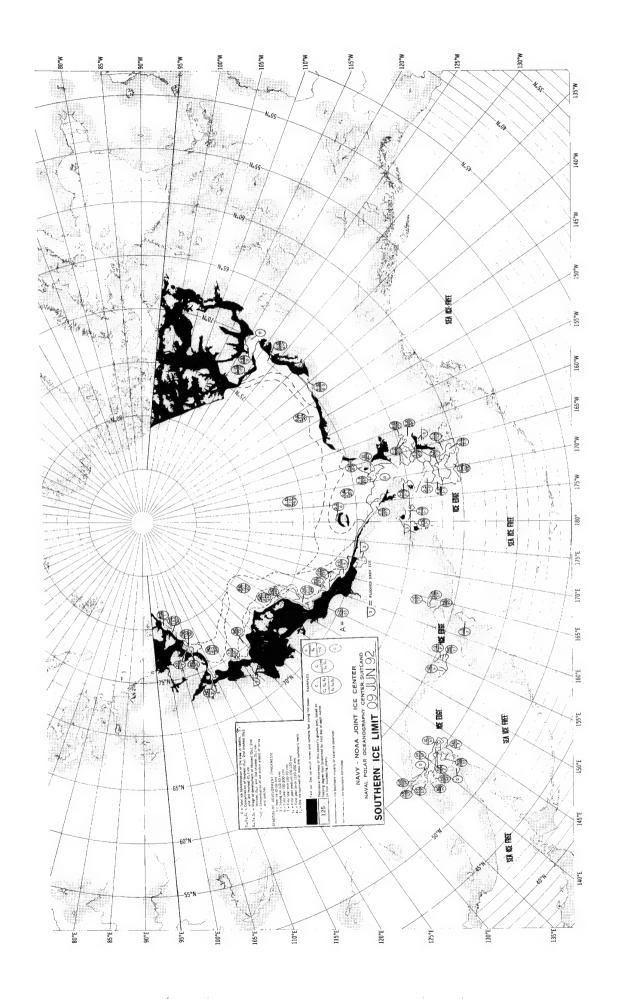


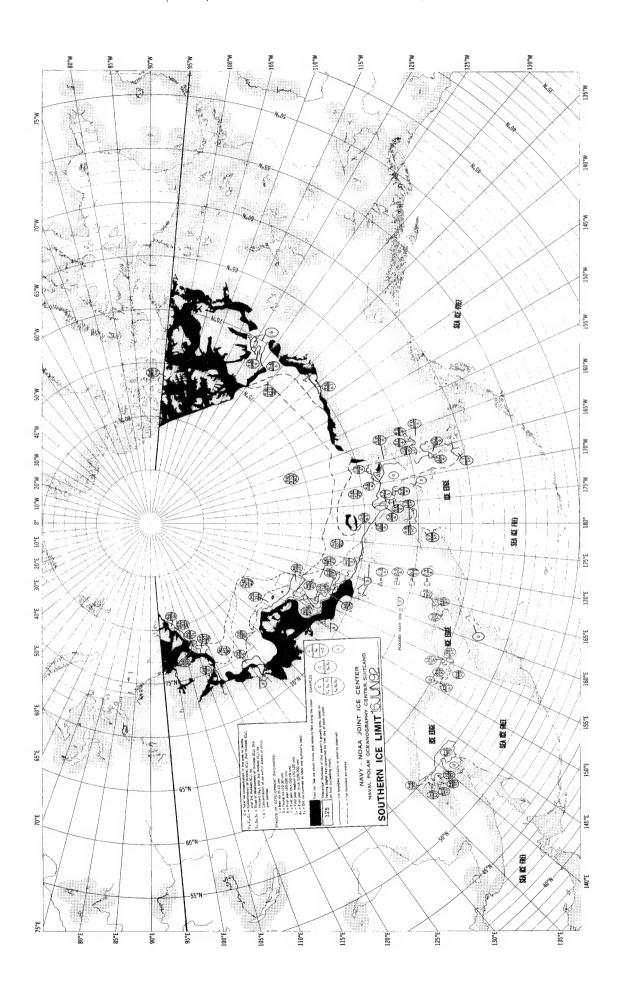


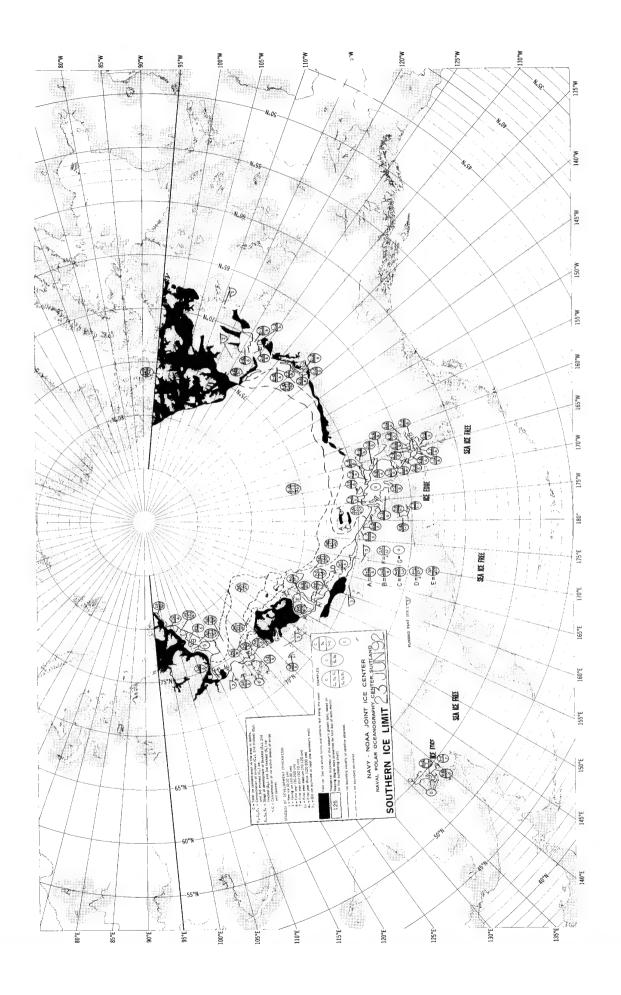


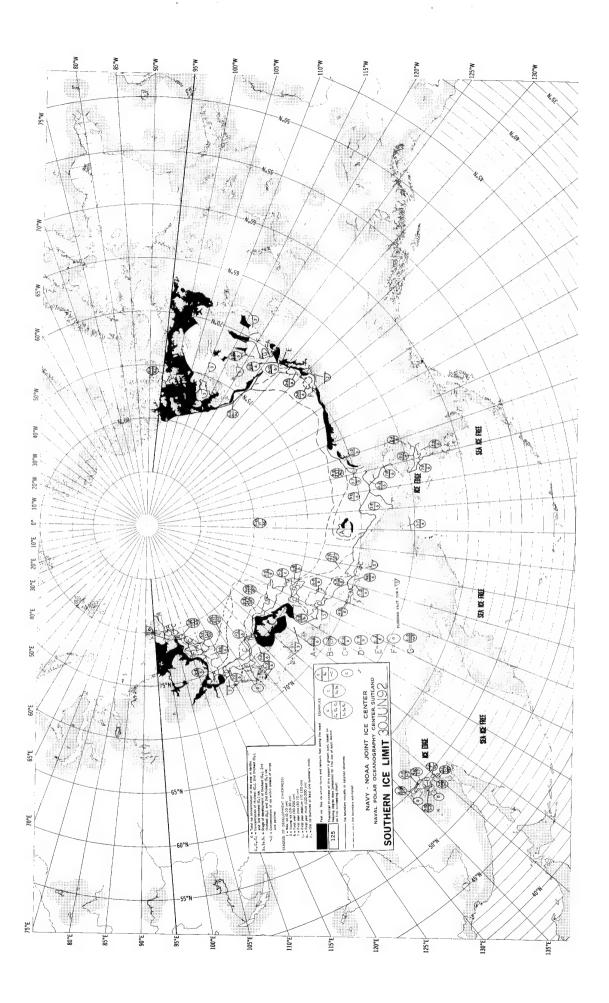




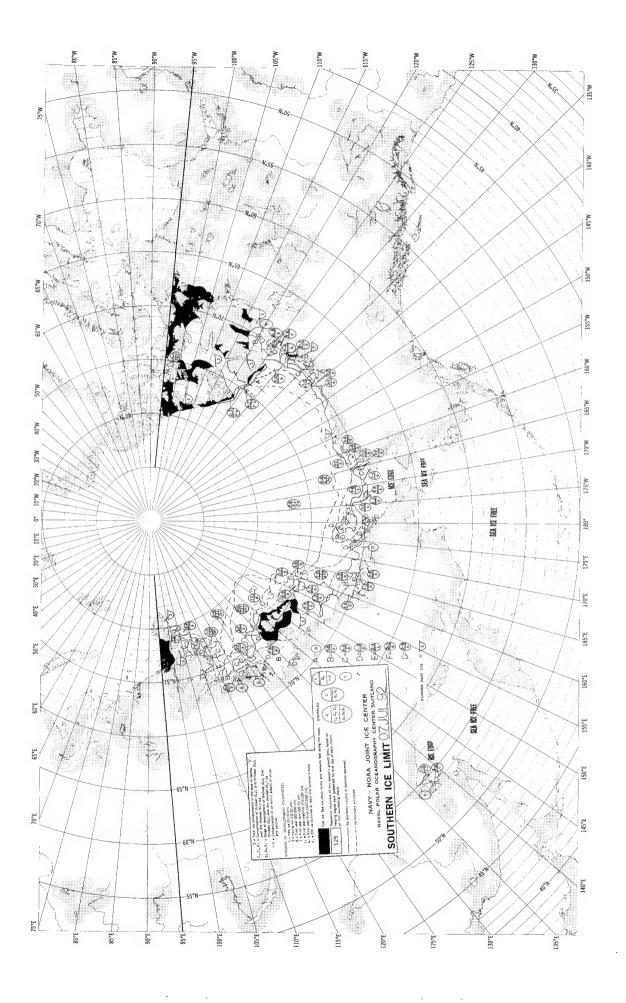


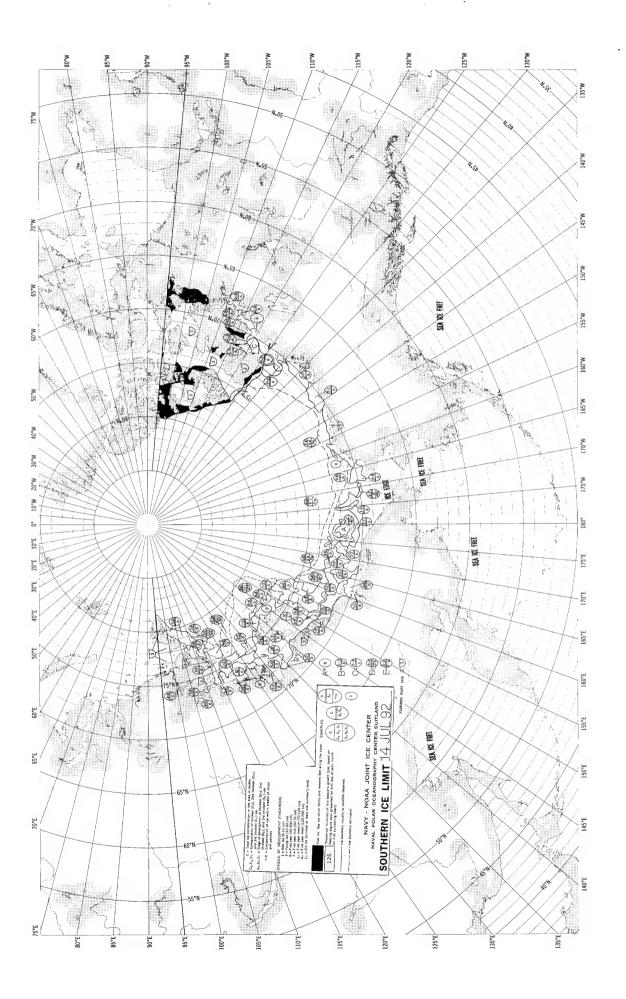


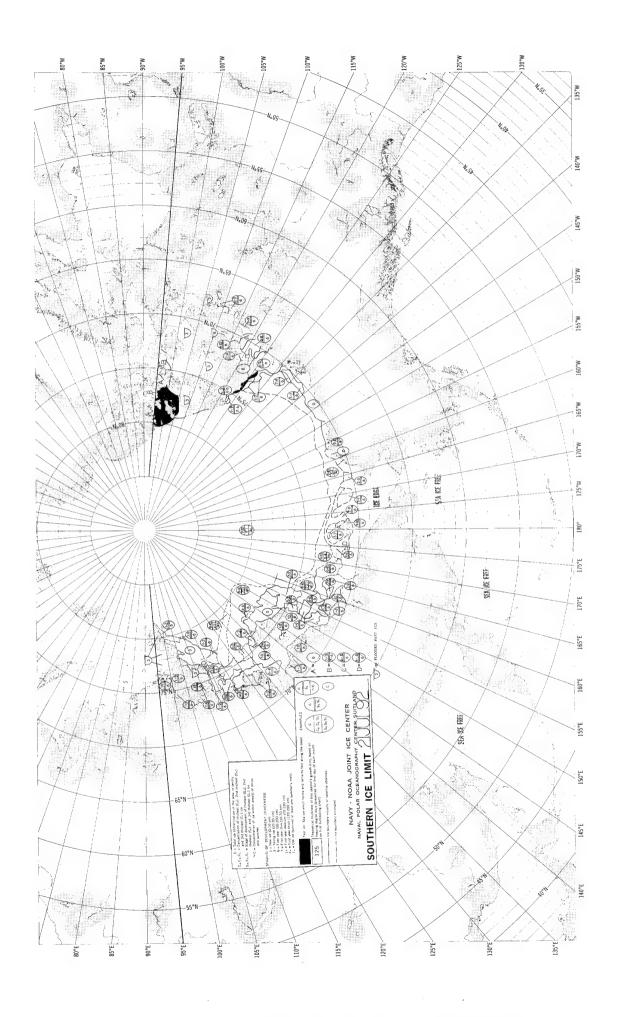


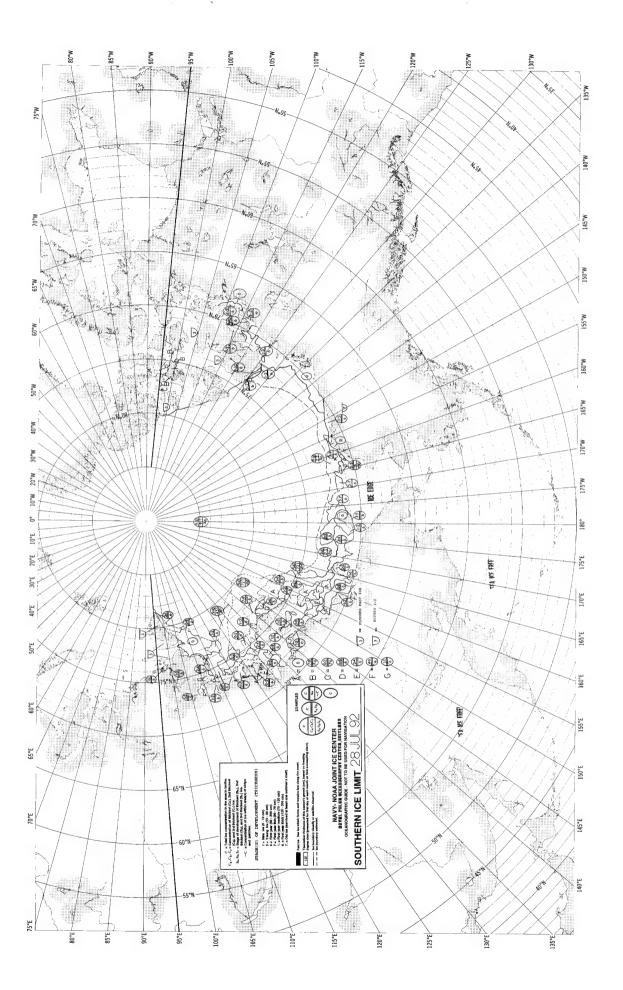


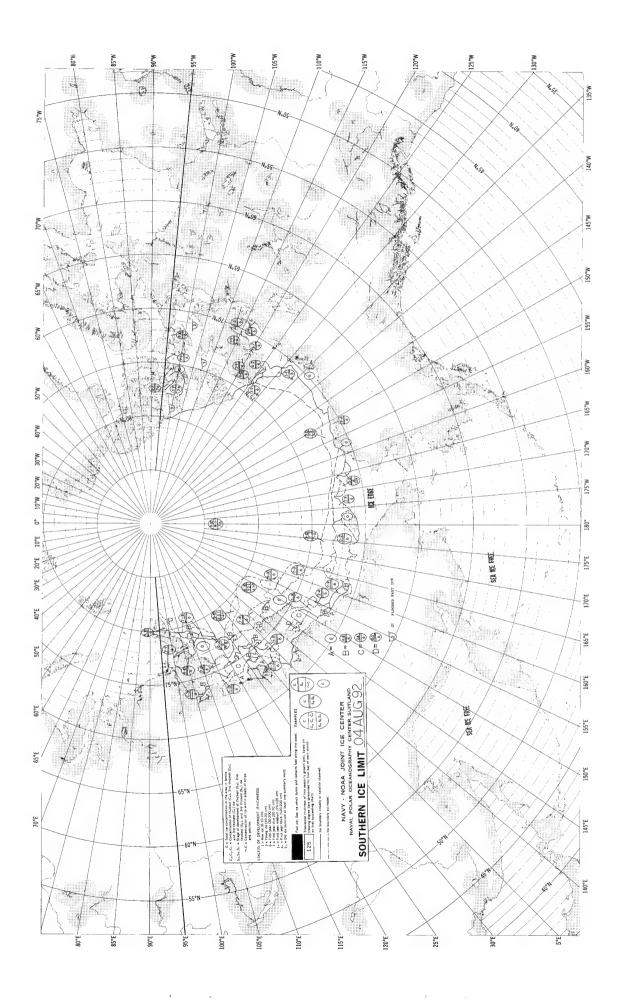
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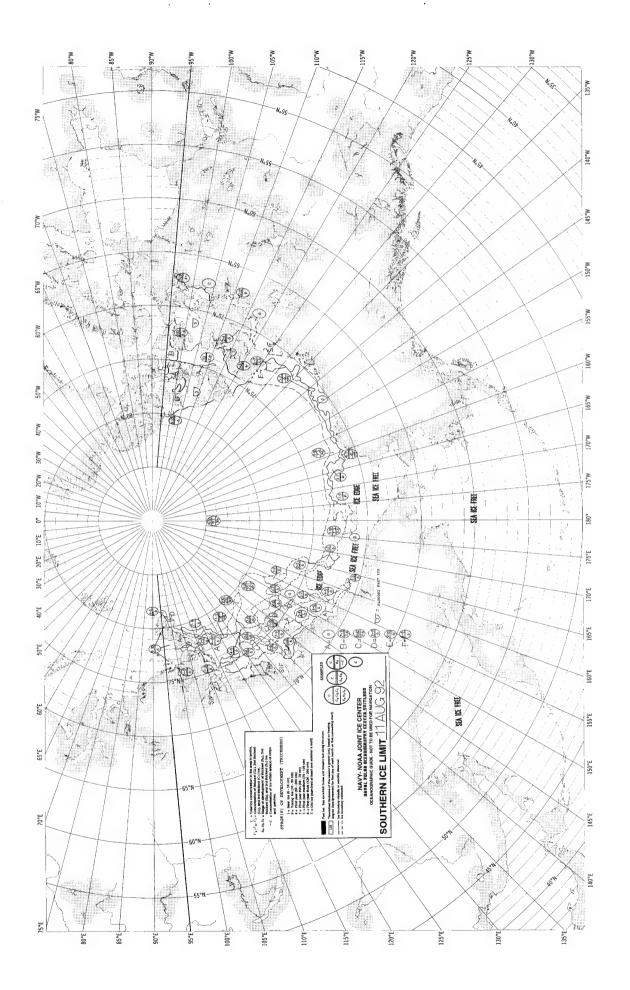


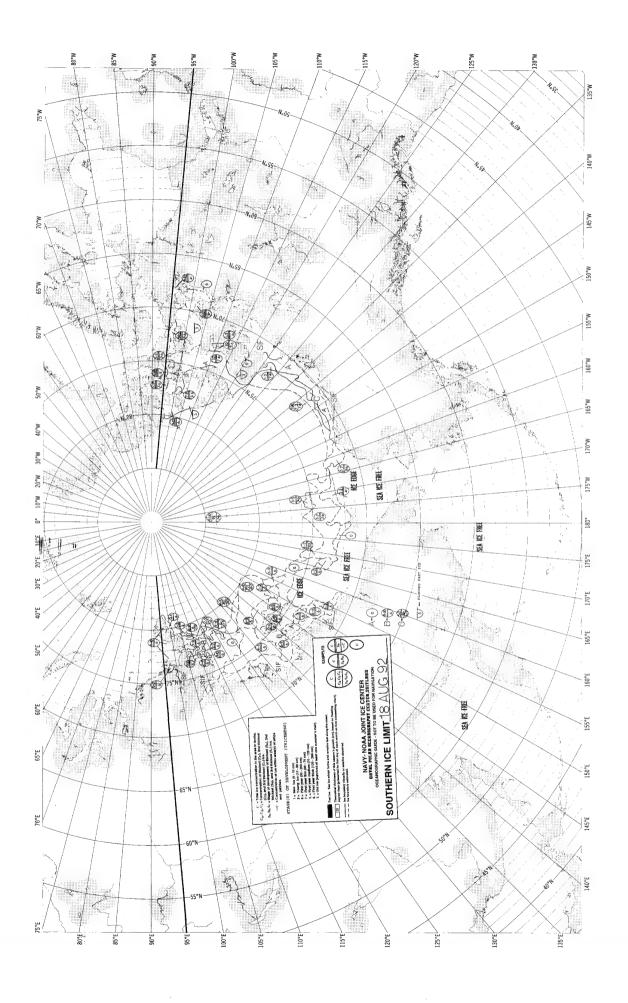


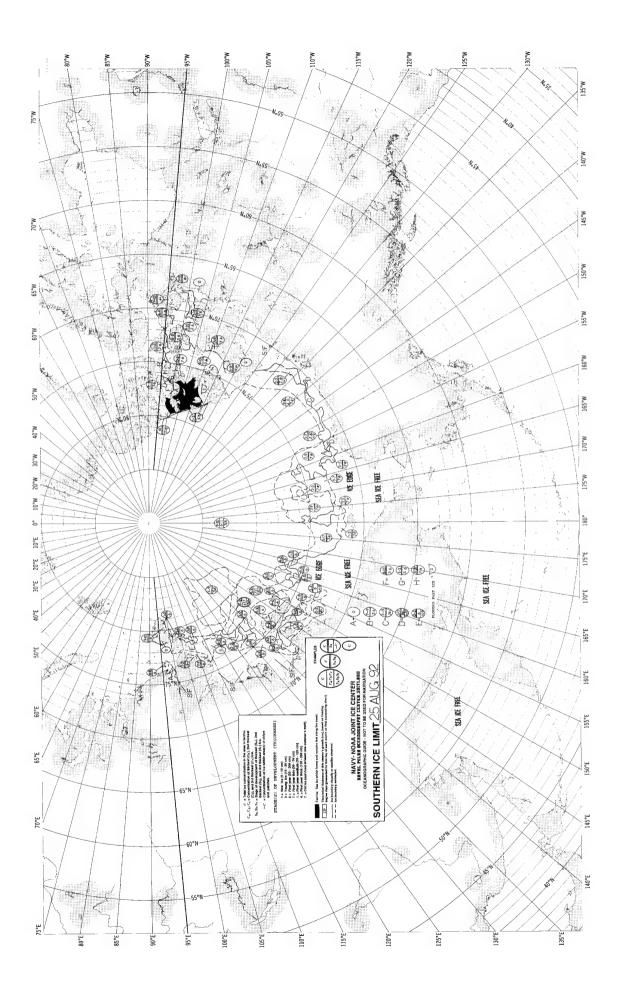


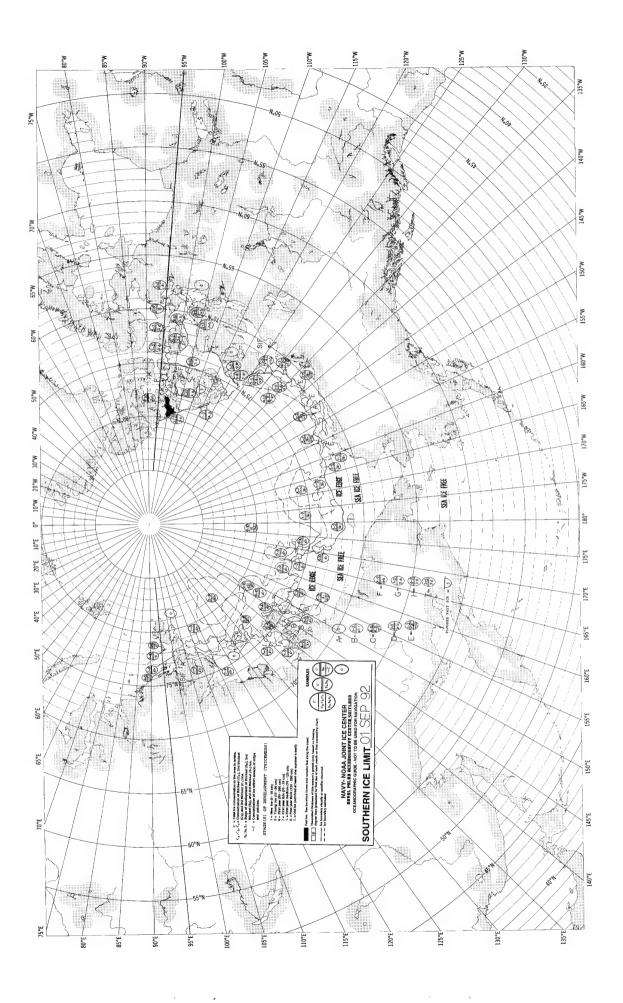


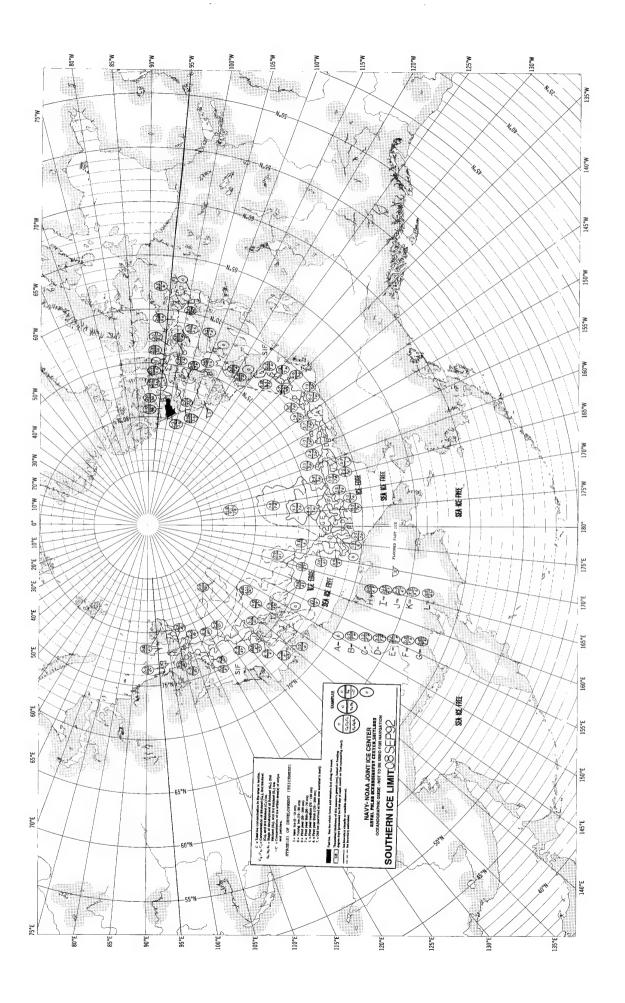


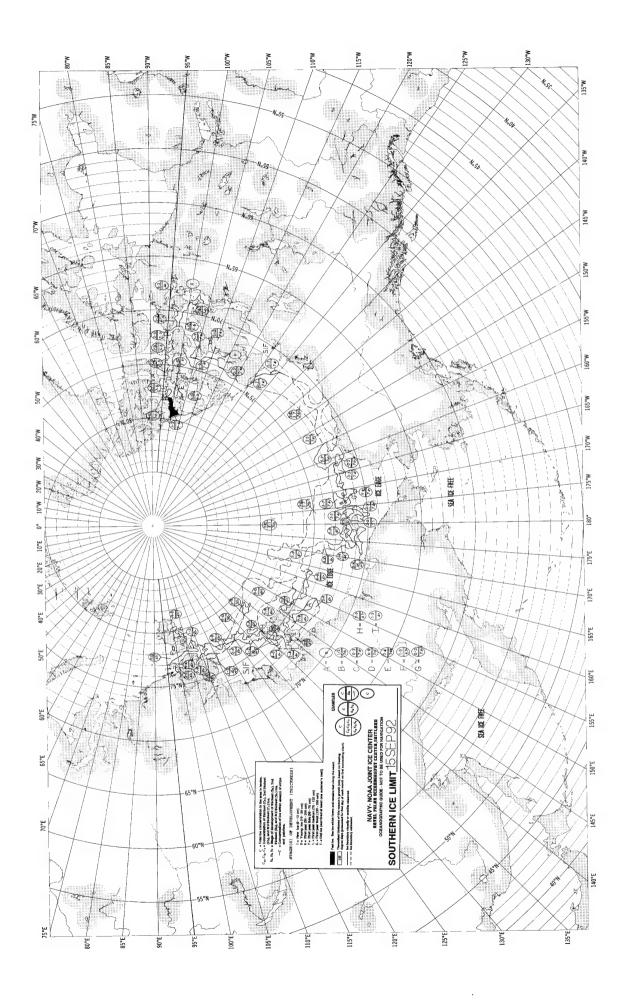


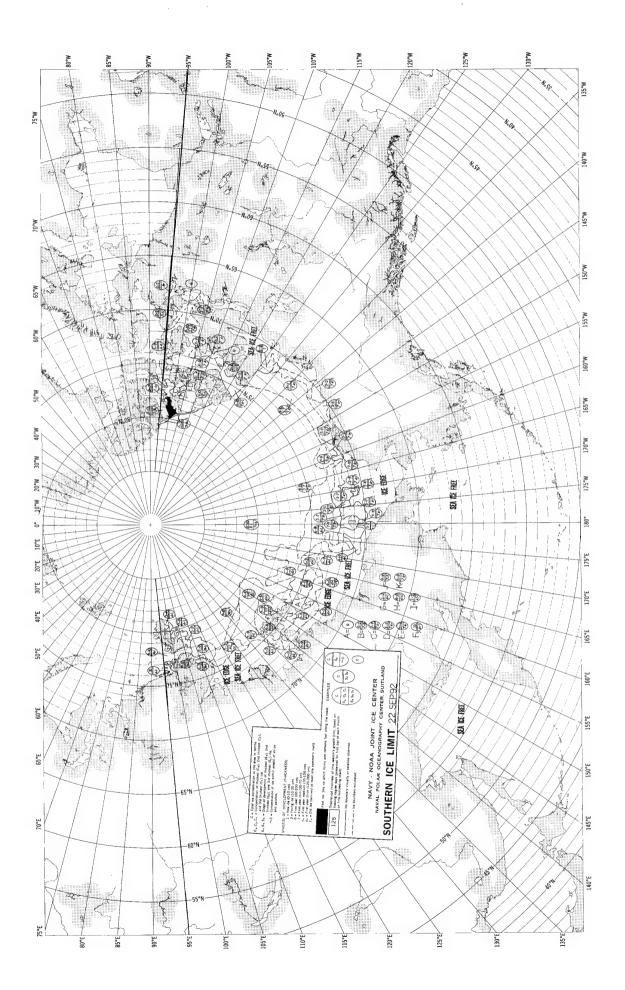


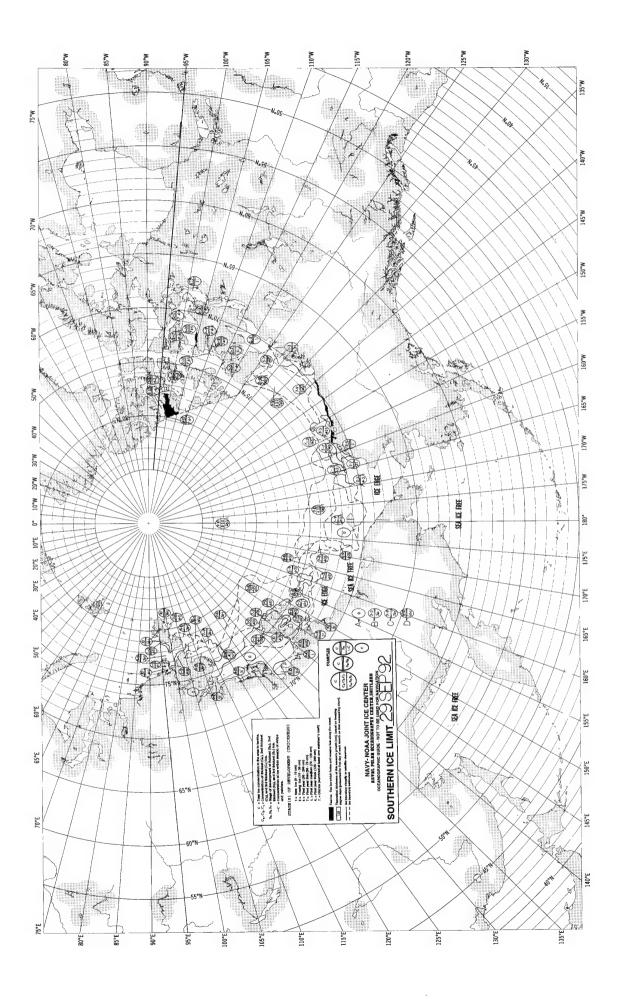


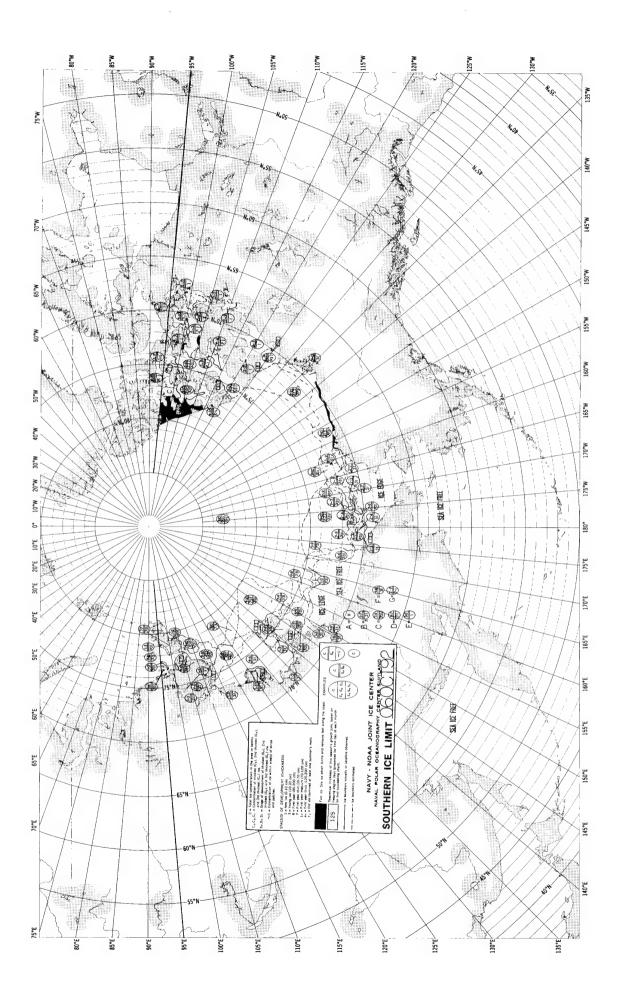


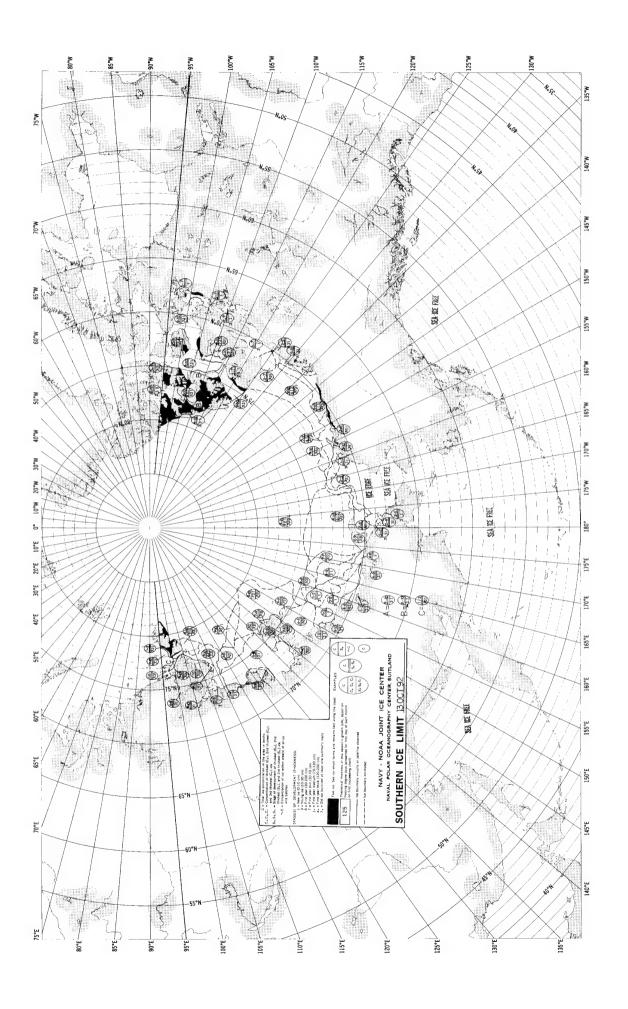


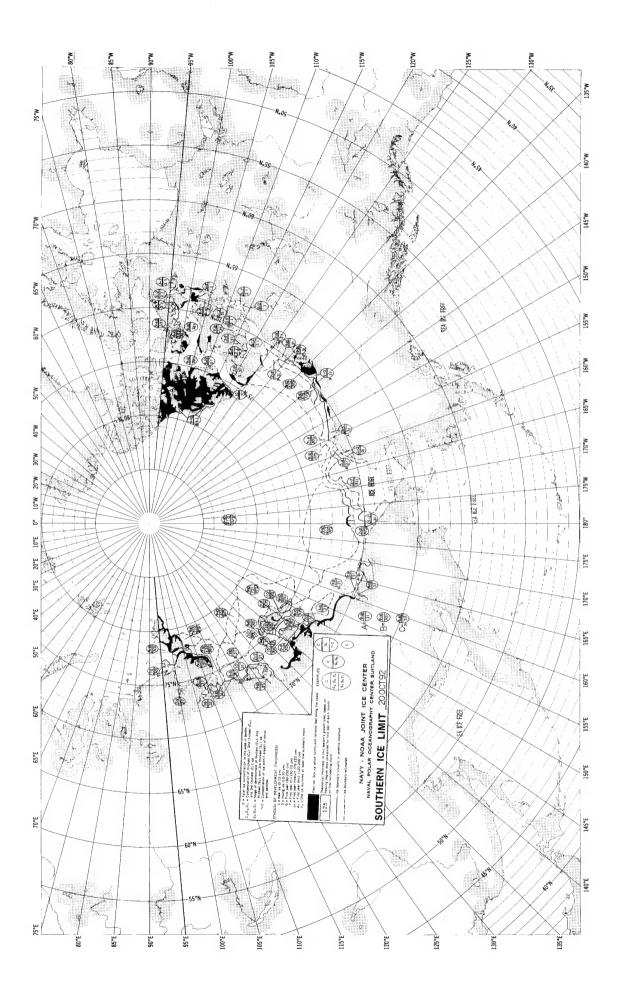


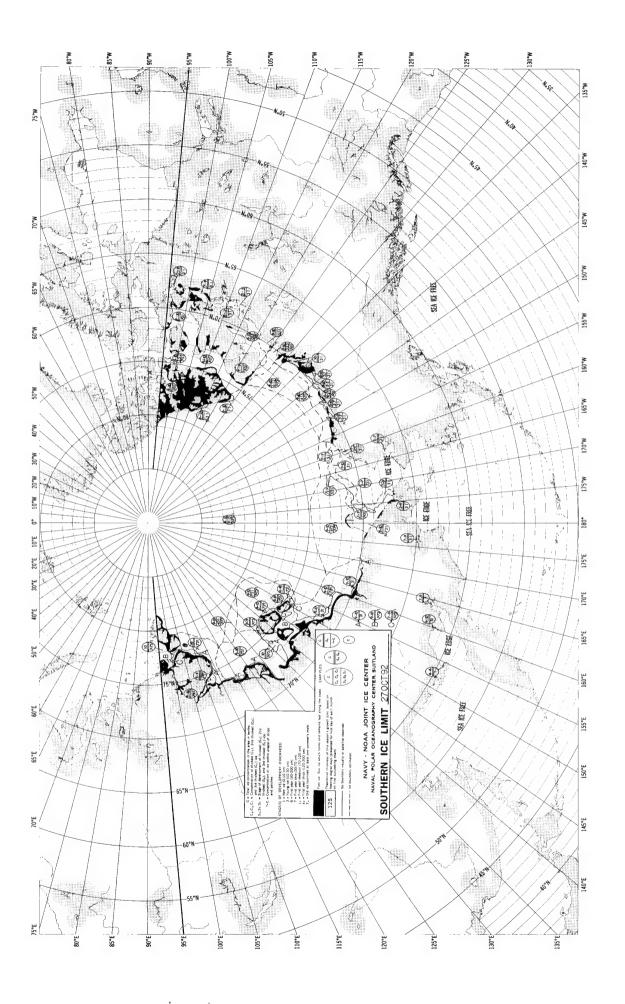


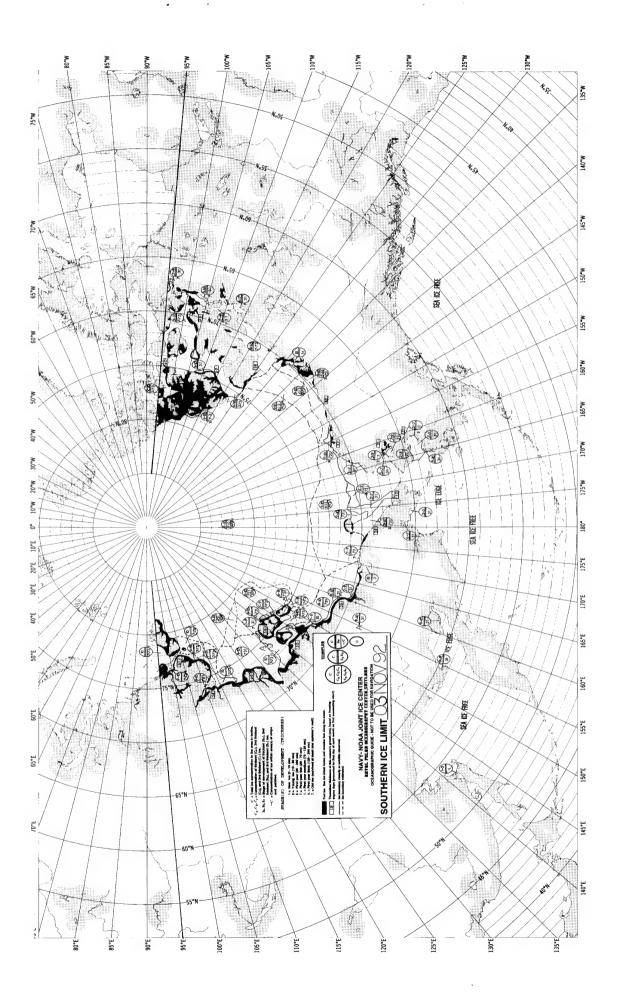


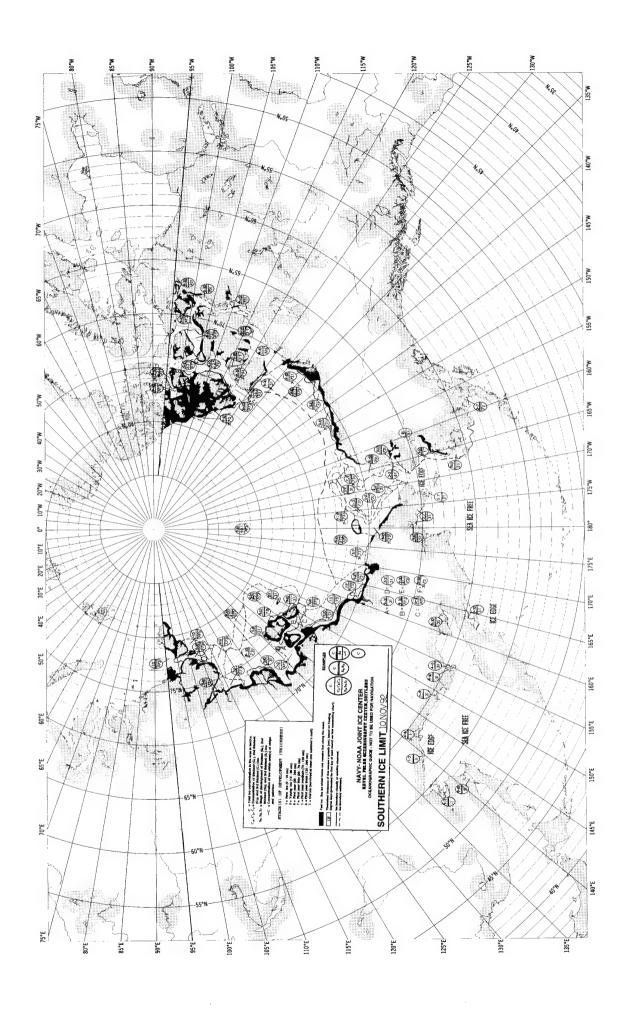


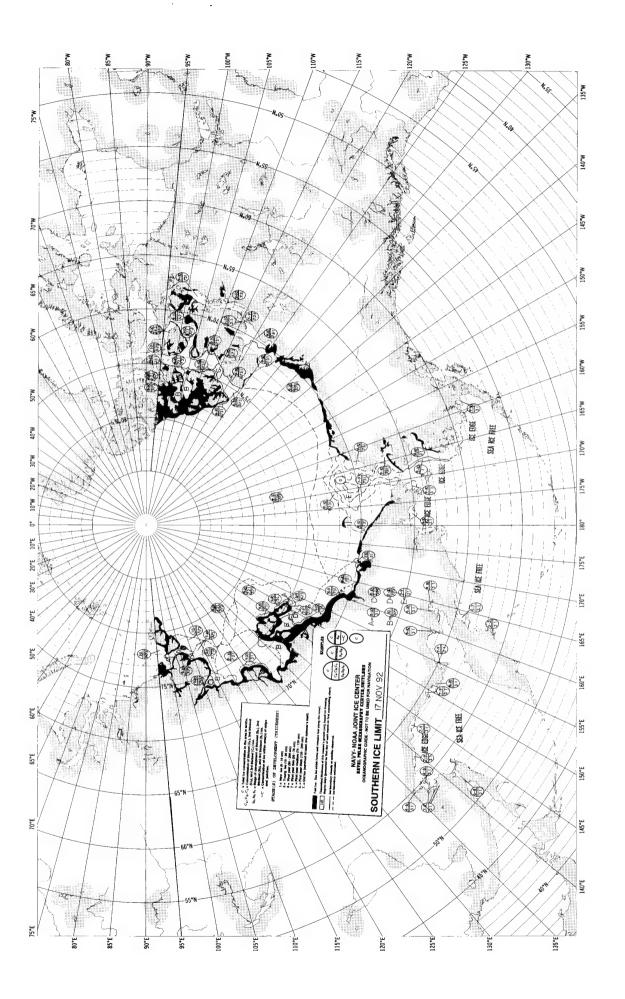


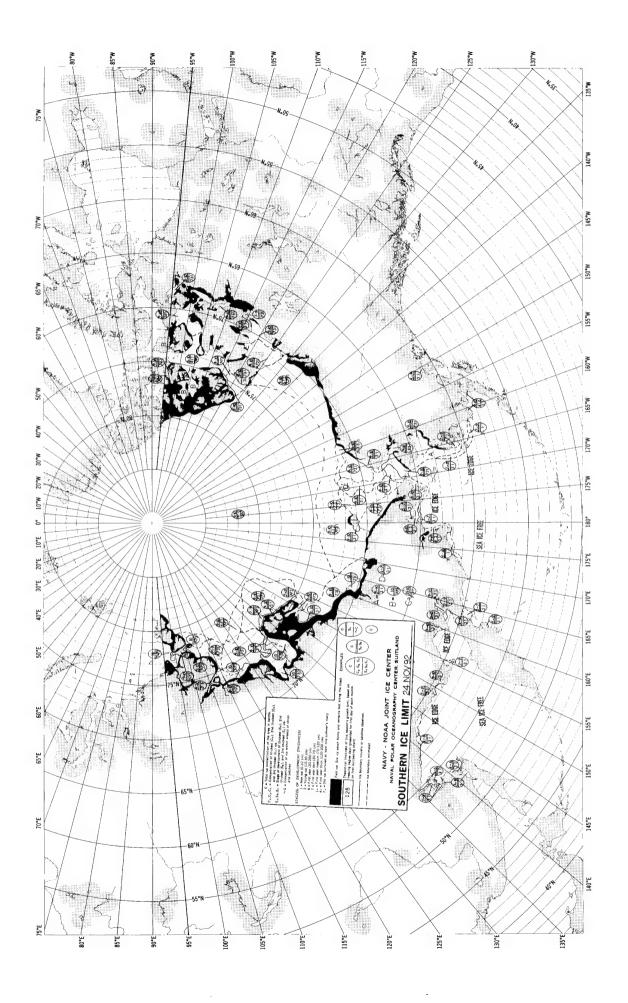


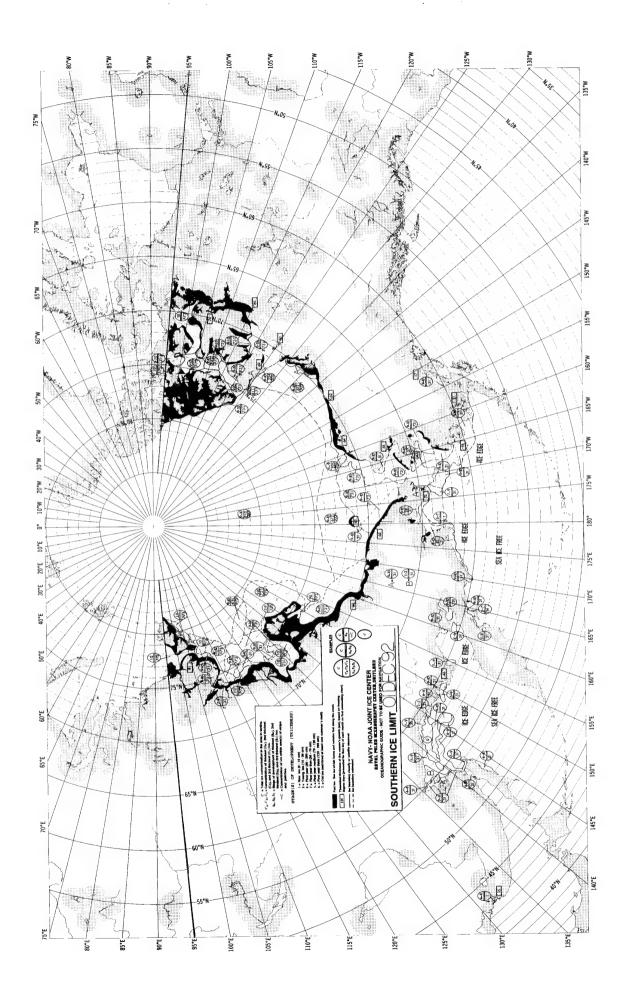


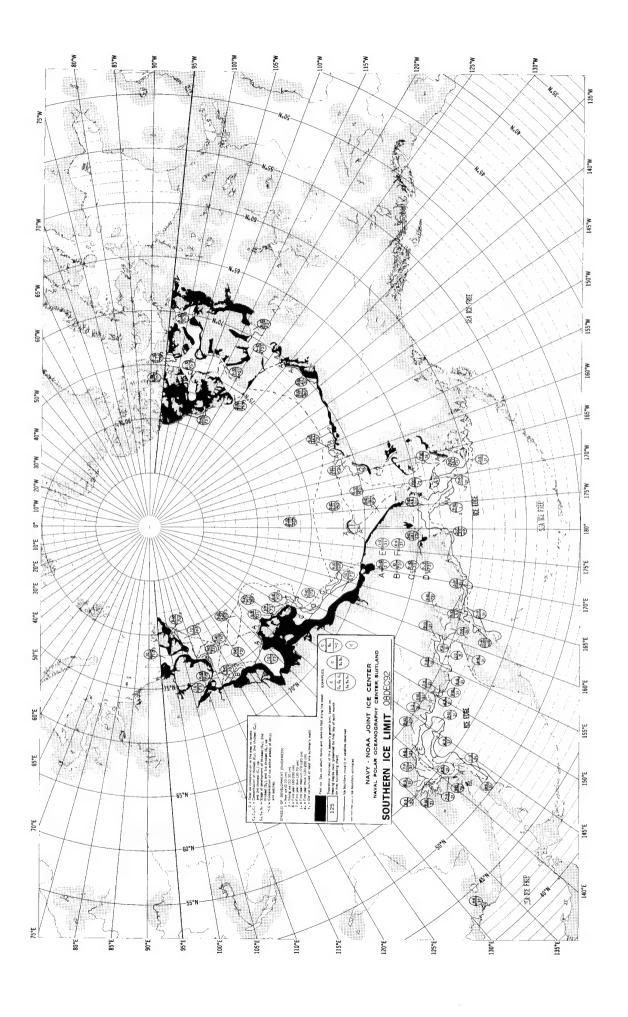


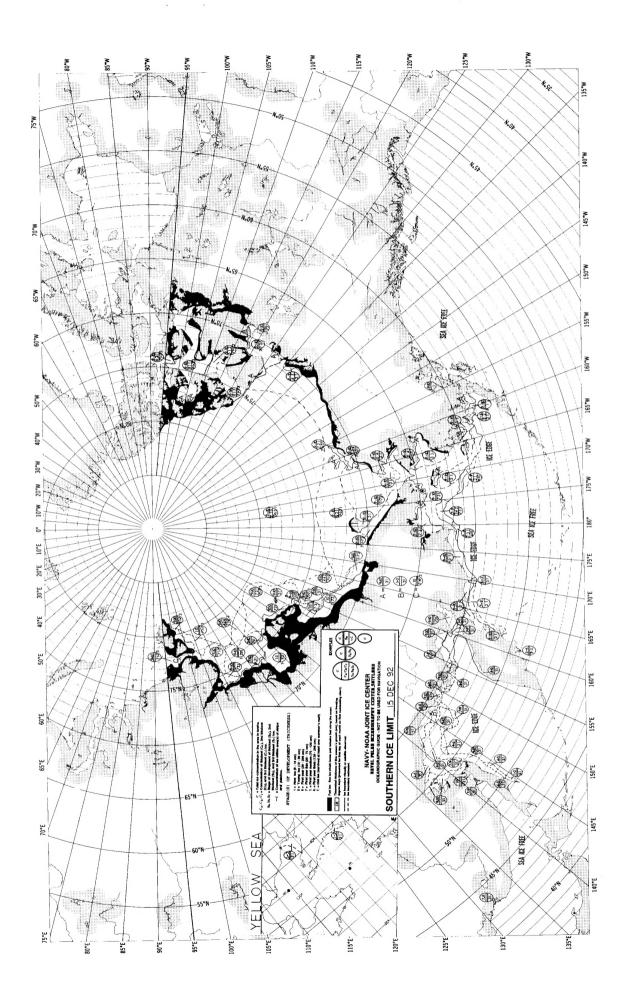


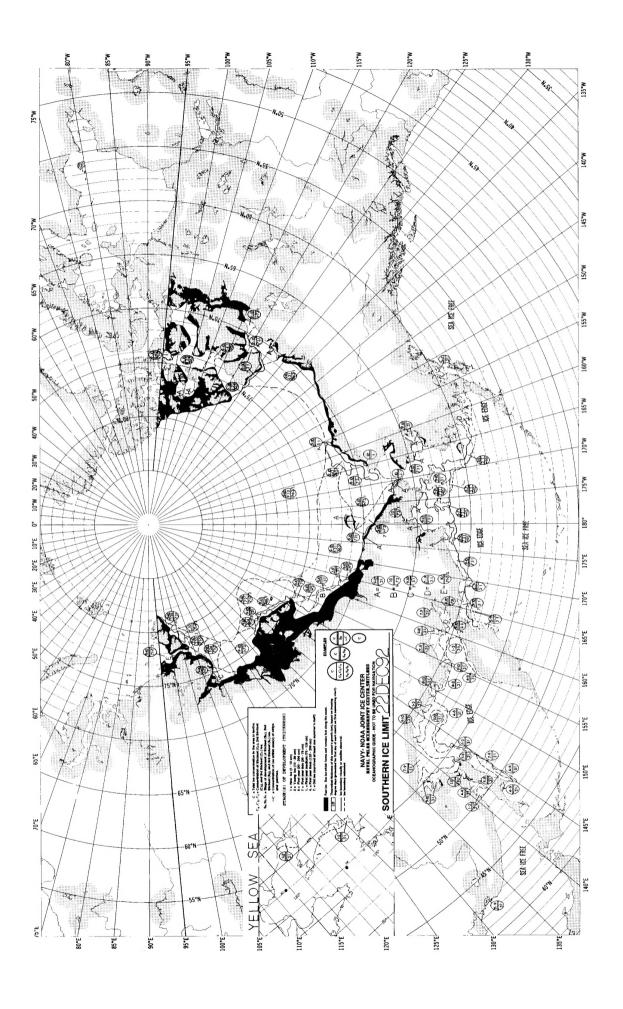


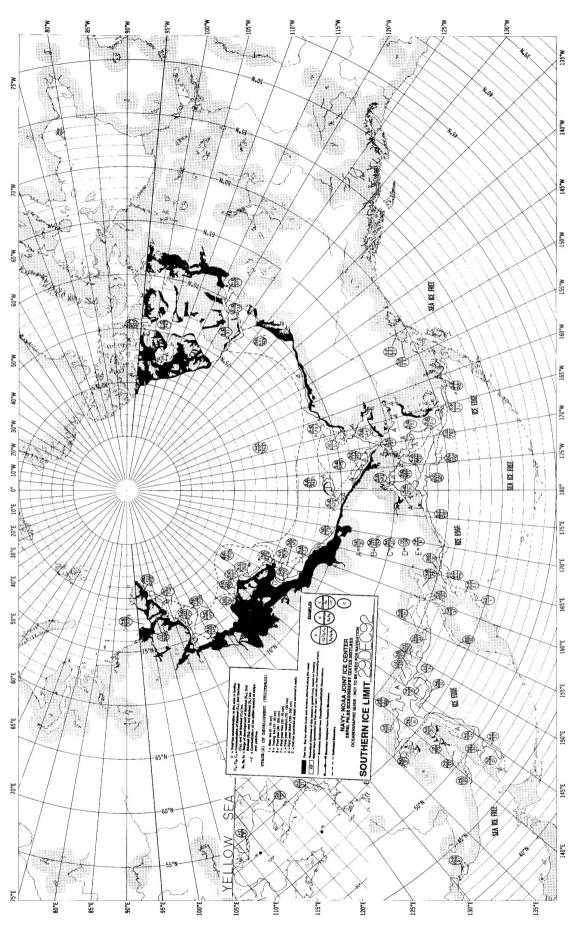












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TABLE 1. SATELLITE DATA UTILIZED DURING 1992 (ARCTIC)

Time Period		Satellite Remo	ote Sensing		
From To	Sensor Platform	Sensor Type	Spectral Region	Resolution	Coverage
1-92 12-92	NOAA-10,11,12	AVHRR HRPT/LAC			
		VIS	0.58-0.68 um	1 km	Regional
		NIR	0.725-1.10 um		
		IR	10.5-12.5 um		
		GAC			
		VIS	0.58-0.68 um	4 km	Global
		IR	10.5-12.5 um		
1-92 12-92	DMSP-F(10/11)	OLS			
		VIS	0.4-1.1 um	0.62 km	Regional
		IR	10.2-12.8 um	0.62 km	Regional
		SSM/I			
		PMW	1.55 cm	50 km	Global
			(19.35 GHz)		
			0.81 cm	25 km	Global
			(37.0 GHz)		
3-92 12-92	ERS-1	SAR			
		AMW	C-Band (5.3 GHz)	240 m (FR)	Local
			(5.5 GIL)	30 m (LR)	Local

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AVHRR - Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer

AMW - Active Microwave

cm - Centimeter

FR - Full Resolution

GAC - Global Area Coverage

GHz - Giga-hertz

HRPT - High Resolution Picture Transmission

IR - Infrared

km - Kilometer

LAC - Local Area Coverage

LR - Low Resolution

NIR - Near Infrared

OLS - Operational Line Scan System

PMW - Passive Microwave

SSM/I - Special Sensor Microwave Imager

um - Micrometer VIS - Visible